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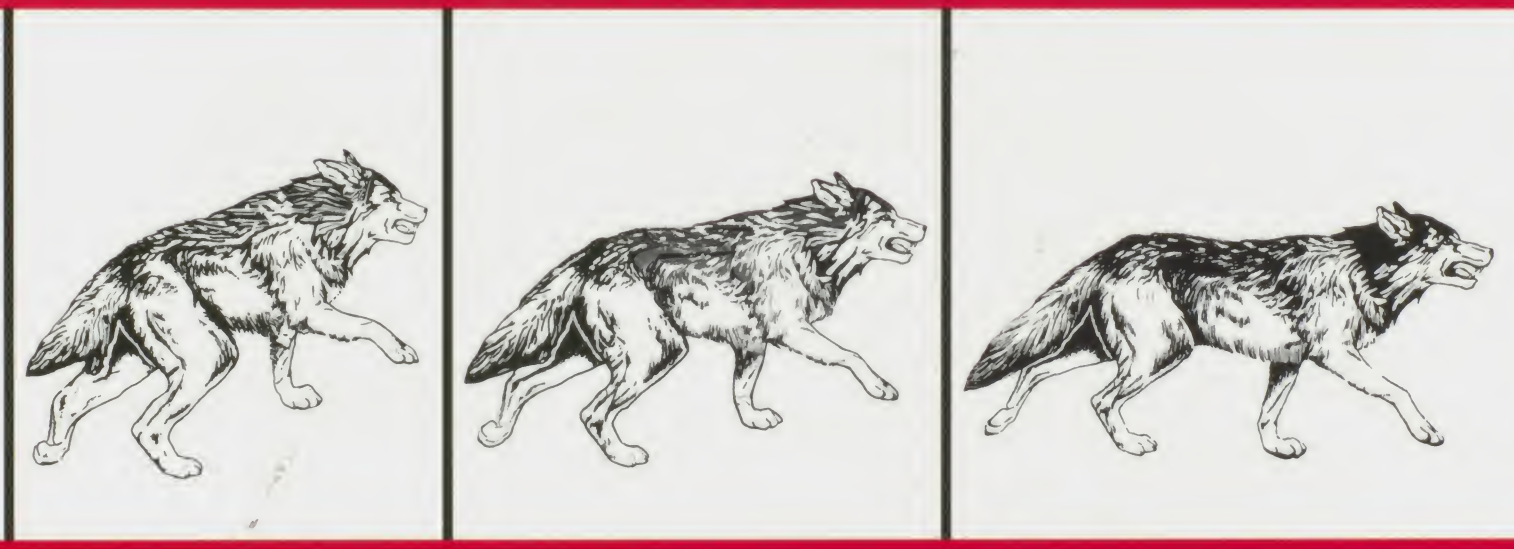

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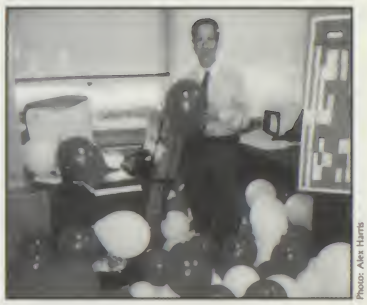

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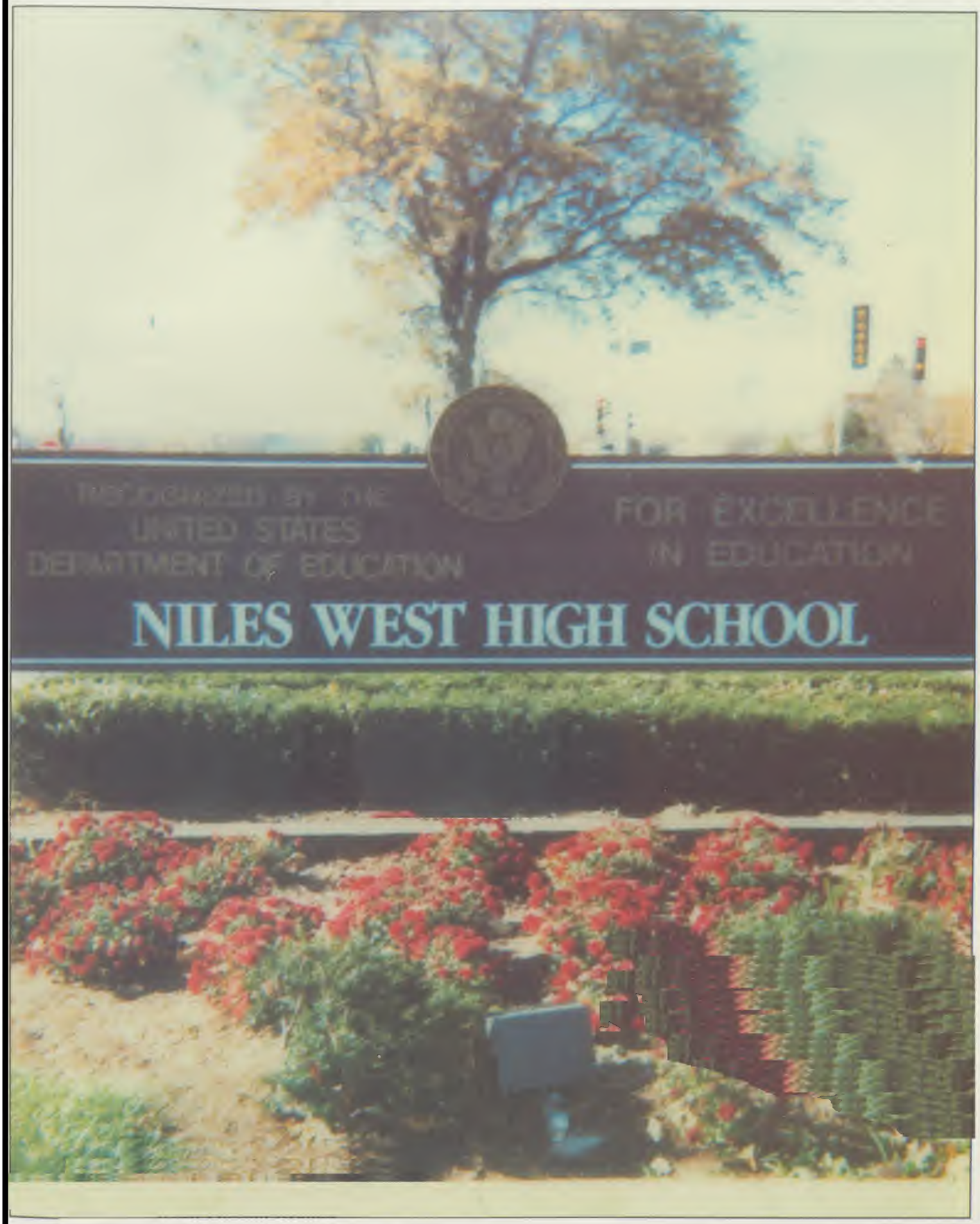
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"What does the wolf mean to you?"

The wolf is a wise and powerful leader alone, but as a pack they work together stronger."

-- Mary Isho ('05)

"What does the wolf mean to you?"

The wolf is a creature that portrays an extreme amount of strength within the pack as well as its individual strength."

-- Nasir Bhanpuri ('02)

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Welcome To the Den

Photo: Alex Harris

Welcome to Niles West, home of the Wolves! Sounds funny, doesn't it? It's something that students and faculty had to adjust to since the Board of Education decided to retire the Indian.

You step off of the pavement onto the damp brush of the woods. The sun is on the horizon as you begin your arduous hike through the northern woods of Minnesota. Hiking for hours has made you weak, so you stop at a nearby creek to revitalize your energy and rinse the perspiration off your brow. While bringing the water up to your face, you abruptly look up, for you fear that someone or something is watching your every move. You see nothing and continue to freshen yourself. Then you hear footsteps. Pitter patter, pitter patter; they get louder and louder. All of a sudden, the sound of steps comes to a halt, as you see this sleek, agile creature sprint by. Curious, you hop up and decide to see where it goes, following the trail this "thing" has left in the damp brush. After many minutes of careful following, you arrive at a dark, desolate cave. Luckily, you always carry a flashlight , and you enter the cave. But you realize that you are not alone as you find yourself to have stumbled upon a pack of wolves that occupy the area. Their silver, brown, and tan coats glisten in the light. Your first instinct is to run away as fast as you can, but your feet don't want to move. You are enraptured by their beauty and complexity, and decide to spend your time admiring these unique creatures and the way they live. Welcome to the den.

Photo: Alex Harris

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Far Left: Day in and day out, students and faculty trudge through these doors. The auditorium isn't as busy as the Oakton Lobby, but it has its share of visitors. Middle: Football fans and players go to many extremes to show their school spirit when red and white day rolls around. Sammer Fakhoury ('02) wears his pride on his sleeve by wearing his football jersey and "the pack" shirt. Left: It takes freshmen a while to adjust to the "mods" schedule. Jean Klos ('05) finds time to switch her books before scurrying off to class. Just don't get caught without a pass in closed halls!

Student Life

Play when you can

The life of wolves isn't all work and no play; they just have to play when they can. For this pack, it's the weekends. They go to the movies, go out to eat, kick back at a friend's den, or go on vacation. Whatever they do, they complete it just in time to arrive back in line for the daily 7:30 to 2:30 grind.

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Soaking Up The Rays

3 Months Vacation...

Summer... one word that has an endless list of meanings. To some it means three months of fun, friends, and relaxation. To others, it means work and summer school. As soon as the last bell rings on the last day of school, students race out of their classrooms and get as far away as possible from school. They enjoy their summer by heading to the beach, catching a movie, or going on vacation. Others spend it embarking on new adventures. Tahera Ahmad ('02), for instance, went to Camp White Eagle where she went rock climbing and on an eleven mile canoe trip.

Working was a very popular way to spend the summer. If you ever took a trip to Crown Theaters this past summer, you were sure to see many fellow classmates hard at work selling tickets and popcorn. Jan-Michael Panlilio ('03) and his friends loved working there, because they got to see movies during their free time. Patrick Malartsik ('03) and Nicole Jeans ('03) found another way to make money by working as camp counselors for the Lincolnwood Park District.

The least favorite way to spend the summer was in summer school. Students take summer school to make up failed classes or just to get a few requirements out of the way.

Everyone, regardless of what they did, all agree on the same thing...summer is way too short!

-- Jenny Allen and
Kejal Patel

Photo: Courtesy of Marissa Spitz

The hot tub keeps Marissa Spitz ('02) warm during a cruise to Alaska. The two week cruise included a bike tour and white water rafting.

Photo: Courtesy of Carolyn Zich

Summer is a time to have fun. Darek Franczak ('02) takes complete advantage of this while "walking like an Egyptian" with his bird, Sky.

"Ah, this water is cold!" cries Carolyn Zich ('03) as she tries to make her way through a river during a field trip at Camp Jorm.

Photo: Courtesy of Carolyn Zich

Trying to get some shade from the hot Miami sun, Marissa Strassberger ('04) looks at a palm tree for help. Strassberger joined thousands of teens from around the world to participate in the JCC Maccabi Games.

Photo: Courtesy of Marissa Strassberger

Photo: Courtesy of Sara Bostetter

Glamour girls Nicole Vasquez ('03) and Sara Bostetter ('03) pose for a quick picture before entering a club in Mexico.

"The worst part of my summer was not meeting any girls."
--Jason Ang ('04)

Photo: Loreen Targos

"This summer I traveled to Mexico on a church mission trip. There I got a chance to stay with the villagers and it was very rewarding."
--Joanne Kim ('02)

Photo: Courtesy of Joanne Kim

"My favorite thing to do in the summer is SLEEP! Every second of every minute of every day I was sleeping. There is nothing else I would rather be doing than sleeping."
--Anil Philip ('02)

Photo: Courtesy of Anil Philip

"This summer my friends and I went on some late night road trips to neighboring states like Iowa. Too bad we never made it to our dream state, Kentucky."
--Amit Khatkhate ('02)

Photo: Courtesy of Amit Khatkhate

Baby Faces

Aww, so cute! What happened?

" Hey dork! I'm sick and tired of people coming up and telling me how much we look alike. You're so annoying! Go put a bag on your head!" This is just one of the many mean things that an older sibling might tell their younger brother or sister here at Niles West. Mixing up names is another big problem that comes with having brothers or sisters at the same school. Just ask Joanna Cornici ('02), "Teachers like Mr. Malatesta have to call me 'Cornici' because he's not sure if it's really me or Rebecca."

Every brother and sister at Niles West has his trials and tribulations, but they are not the only ones. Teachers also have experience with siblings, whether it is having siblings in the same class or having siblings at different times of the day or even in different years. When teachers have siblings in their classes they feel it is a good way to get to know the rest of the family; also, just think--only one phone call has to be made if they both get in trouble! "I had twins in my class that shared the same brain cell," says Physics teacher Howard Swider, jokingly. Sometimes, you know right away who is related to each other. They look, talk, and act the same way. However, with others, the only thing that they seem to have in common is their last name.

English teacher Sharon Swanson remembered one year when she had two brothers and one sister, all in different classes. "They were so different that it wasn't until March I realized that they came from the same family!" Oh, those crazy teachers.

-- Beeta Azarnoosh and
Samantha Rosati

Photo: Courtesy of Sara Ryan

"Tea for two and tea for three. Tea for you and tea for me..." Sara Ryan ('02) proves that a tea party is fun for anyone as her brother Patrick ('05) joins her.

Photo: Courtesy of Kiki Noonan

"Y.M.C.A!" Here twins Kiki and Mickey ('04) and older brother Robert Noonan ('02) dance the night away before their bedtime in their cute P.J.'s.

Wearing weird clothing, or in Timothy ('02) and Kimberly ('04) Edwardson's case, weird hats are always the parents fault. Kim and Tim, Tim and Kim. Try saying that five times fast.

Photo: Courtesy of Kim Edwardson

"Alright you cute little Rosatis! As soon as we take a picture we will go eat some Rosati's Pizza!" Samantha ('04) and Robert ('02) are pros at saying "cheese!"

Photo: Courtesy of Samantha Rosati

Photo: Courtesy of Joanna Cornici

Posing for pictures with your siblings is a must in every family. Here Joanna ('02), John ('04), and Rebecca ('03) Cornici take a beautiful picture for the family scrapbook. These memories will stay with the family for years and years.

Ooh lala, look at those cute Minnie Mouse bathing suits. Here Varsity superstars Kari ('04) and Anna ('03) Chaiken get ready to go swim 25,000 yards for their morning practice. Two more practices will follow later in the day. Their parents are grooming their young little swimmers very early. Watch out, here come the Chaikens!

Photo: Courtesy of Kari Chaiken

"I'm the queen of the world!" "No, no, no I'm the King and you can just be my little helper." Lucas Markewych ('02) has a royal moment with his younger sister, Andrea, ('04) before shooing her off to do the daily servant chores.

Photo: Courtesy of Andrea Markewych

Can you guess which Zarate is older? If you picked Carlos ('04) you are wrong. Yep, it's Kary ('02). The Zarate family is very talented in the musical area. Kary is the drum major for the Marching Band and older brother and graduate of Niles West, Ozzy, is an aid in the Band Department.

Photo: Courtesy of Kary Zarate

Look! This baby, Gillian, ('05) fits inside her stocking! And inside Eileen's ('03) stocking are bananas! Christmas time at the Ouska household is a very interesting and fun time of year.

Photo: Courtesy of Eileen Ouska

Birthdays

Parties, food, hang-outs, and fun...

Music, games, laughter, balloons, and smiling faces...these are some things that can be seen or heard during birthday celebrations. Getting together and celebrating birthdays is always something to look forward to. Celebrants have picnics, dinners, food fights, and awesome bashes. These party animals join forces and give their friends the best birthday possible.

Bashes like Beeta Azarnoosh's ('03) Sweet Sixteen party were full of games and lots of food. Students who graduated came to celebrate with her and ended up saying their "good-byes" before going off to college. Monica Dabul's ('03) sixteenth birthday party was held at a karaoke bar so her guests could sing their favorite songs and pig out on pizza. Who said that only upper classmen know how to party? Sarah Legaspi ('04) held a party at home with friends but still had a blast. No extremes necessary; all that is needed for a good time are family and friends.

Many birthdays were full of surprises, literally. "Birthdays are so much fun to celebrate, especially after your friends surprise you," said Jacqueline Collens ('03). Her friends and family threw her a surprise party for her sixteenth birthday. Imagine walking through your front door to find everyone you know shout, "Surprise... Happy Birthday!" It's every girl's dream birthday.

Parties were not the only surprises. Alex Harris ('02) remembers her friends taking her to see *NSYNC for her seventeenth birthday. "They blindfolded me and didn't tell me where we were going."

No matter how they are celebrated, birthdays are always filled with fun and lasting memories. They are special days for spending time together and being close with good friends and family. The secret key is just to enjoy being surrounded by the people you like best.

- - Brenda Teruel and Blance Evangelista

Photo: Courtesy of Beeta Azarnoosh

These pretty ladies stop for a quick pose during Beeta Azarnoosh's ('03) Sweet Sixteen "BBQ Bash." "There was so much food left over that we had to take it to Padilla's house the next day," says Azarnoosh.

Photo: Courtesy of Monica Dabul

Suneeth Samuel ('03), Todd Matten ('03), and Tyler Heidtke ('03) exercise their vocal chords as they serenade Monica Dabul ('03) during her karaoke birthday party.

After being surprised by her family and friends, Brenda Teruel ('03) blows out her sixteen candles at Champps Bar and Grill. "I thought my friends had dissed me until I walked in and saw them," said Teruel.

Photo: Courtesy of Brenda Teruel

"When I handed slices of cake to my friends, they shoved cake into my face and everyone yelled 'Happy Birthday!' We had a fun time and I will never forget my birthday," remembers Rodessa Tallud ('02) on spending her birthday with her friends.

Photo: Courtesy of Rodessa Tallud

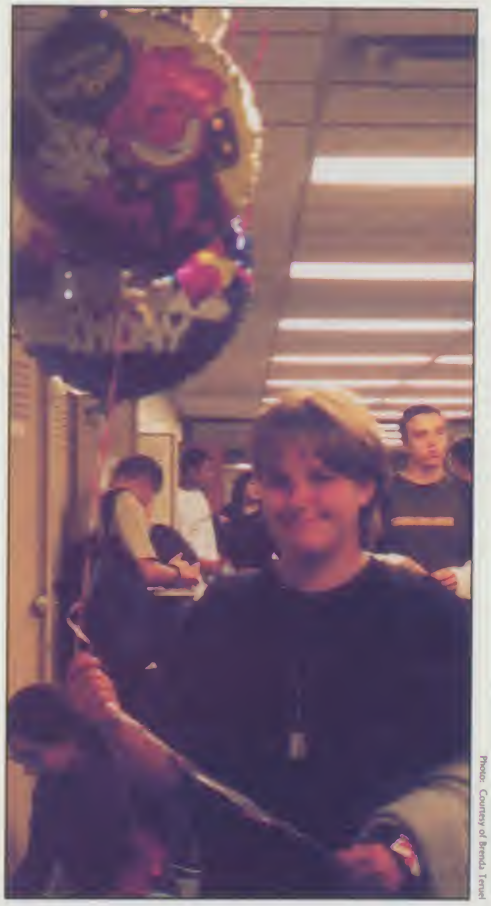


Photo: Courtesy of Brenda Teruel

Holding her balloons, Jessica Laub ('04) stops for a quick pose in front of her locker. With a big smile on her face she happily said, "I can't wait to get home because I'm going out to celebrate!"

"At the Homecoming football game, my friends brought a poster that said, 'Happy Birthday, Christina'. Then at 9:52 PM, the time I was born, they yelled, 'Happy Birthday, Christina'."
--Christina Martinez ('02)

Photo: Courtesy of Christina Martinez

"I love Thai food, so for my eighteenth birthday, my friends and I went to Thai Sookdee. It was really nice and one of my most memorable birthdays."
--Renee Dinges ('02)

Photo: Courtesy of Renee Dinges

"I didn't do anything extravagant for my fifteenth birthday but celebrating it with my friends made it special. Birthdays are a lot like holidays; they are all about spending time with friends and family."
--Sarah Legaspi ('04)

Photo: Amy Madhiwala

"My birthday was during a school trip to Springfield. I had a blast because I spent it with all of my classmates and it was the first time I spent my birthday away from my parents."
--Natasha Shino ('05)

Photo: Amy Madhiwala

Personal Space

Call the interior decorators...

What's in your locker? If you ask five people that same question, you'll get five completely different answers. People keep binders, books, shoes, clothes, makeup, sports equipment, cameras, food, and even old socks from the beginning of the year in their lockers! Who knows what else people keep in there?

The biggest complaint is that people want bigger lockers. "Having a pre-season sport, it's really hard to cram my backpack, as well as my huge soccer bag, into the thin lockers, and still have space for my locker partner, " stated Jennifer Gorski ('03). "My locker partner always yells at me for taking up too much room, but I can't help it!" Most people in the school have locker partners but there are a few people who have a locker all by themselves; some unlucky ones are forced to share with two other people. For now, there isn't enough room here for each student to have his own locker, but maybe in the future, there will be a way for everyone to have enough room for all of their stuff.

Many people have different ways to make their lockers unique. Some teens fill up every inch of space with colorful pictures of friends and celebrities as well as funny quotes, while others leave their lockers as naked as they find them on the first day of school. "I like decorated lockers because it gives the locker color and life. People stop and look and it's just not a plain, ugly colored locker," said Catherine Superdock ('03)

A big problem this year was the locker locations and partners. Some people got the wrong partner, while some got two! A lot of freshmen had lockers on the second floor, while sophomores were making the long journey to the third floor, just as they had the year before. Hopefully next year, whoever arranges the lockers will be more careful and make us happier at our "second home."

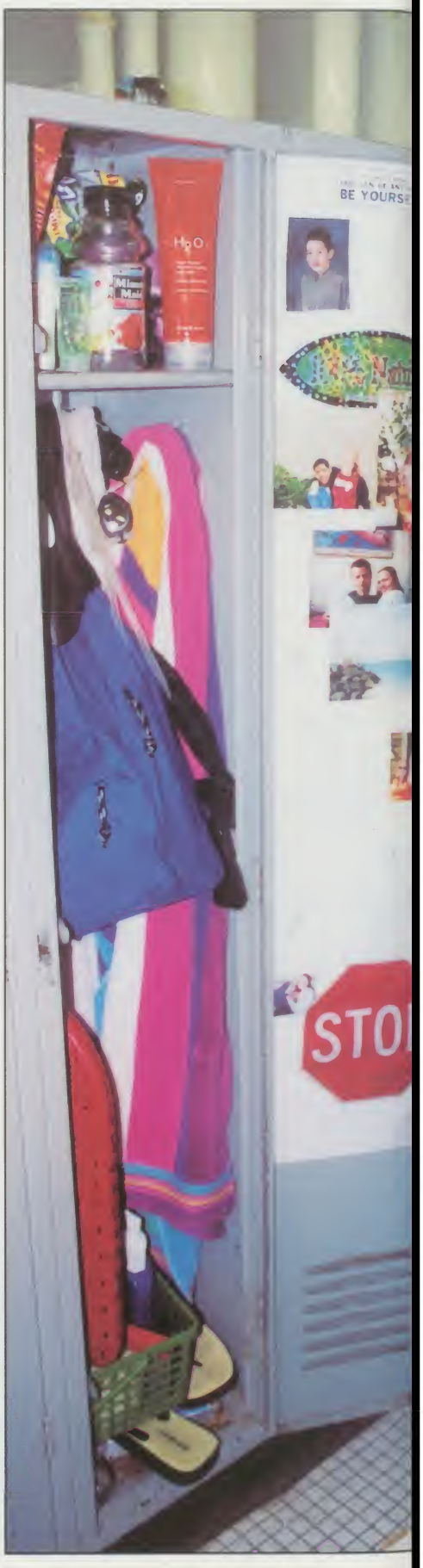
-- Loreen Targos and
Marissa Spitz

Photos: Marissa Spitz

As part of tradition, the cheerleading squad decorates the football players' lockers during the week of homecoming. This is a great custom because it adds some color to the plain, boring cream-colored lockers.

Photos: Marissa Spitz

During homcoming week, the band students display their school spirit by decorating their lockers in the music wing. Not everyone notices that the band has as much or even more school spirit than any athlete.



Alexandra Benson ('05) shows us how her entire life is cramped into her swim locker. The swimming season is three long months and the pool becomes a second home to every girl on the team.

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Can you tell this locker belongs to a boy? Most guys in the school don't care to decorate their lockers and would rather leave them plain and simple, as shown here by Bill Souferis ('04).

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Photo: Loreen Targos

At 7:15 in the morning, school is the last place anyone wants to be. Elena Boyarsky ('04) and Araxsi Biberian ('04) have decorated their locker with pictures of friends, family, and celebrities, to help them relax and ease the pains of schoolwork.

"The security this year royally messed up the lockers because they gave juniors better lockers than the seniors."
--Kelly Zehner ('02)

Photo: Marissa Spitz

"Whoever runs the locker situation did a horrible job because I got put with the wrong partner. Next year, I'd like for them to get everything as it's supposed to be."
--Thomas Kestler ('03)

Photo: Loreen Targos

"This year, my locker is on the second floor so at least I'm near my classes, but we need bigger lockers!"
--Blair Rudd ('04)

Photo: Loreen Targos

"Unfortunately, we only have five minutes to change after gym class. It takes two minutes to change clothes, and three to pull your backpack out of the tiny locker."
--Beth Messer ('05)

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Just Chillin'

Life Outside the Walls of West...

Stamps and model airplanes are just some of the traditional hobbies and collections in America. In the time of our parents, that's what everybody did. However, with the arrival of a new millennium, hobbies and collections have taken a more modern twist. New advances and new creations have created opportunities for teenagers to do and collect just about anything.

What exactly do teens collect outside the walls of Niles West these days? Amit Khatkhate ('02) has his collection of work uniforms to show off. Khatkhate's wardrobe includes a Best Buy outfit, an outfit from Babies 'R' Us, and even one from the Skokie Public Library. Juan Santoyo ('05) can be found with his collection of model cars. According to Santoyo, "When I was sick, my parents gave me one as a present and I started collecting them from there. So far, I have 329 cars." If only those cars were real!

Other collections include Eugene Granovsky's ('02) collection of Michael Jordan memorabilia. Shruti Patel ('02) spends her time and money collecting pictures, posters, and miniature models from Mercedes Benz. "I don't really know what it is about them. I just love them!"

Collections aren't the only things on which students spend their time outside of school. Melanie Davis ('04) works on her skills as an actress. "I do community theatre at the Wilmette Park District. I always liked theatre and decided to try going to different places. What I like most about it is meeting new people who don't necessarily go to the same school as you," said Davis.

Others find themselves spending their time with music and dancing. Pauline Miliotis ('02) has ventured into the musical world of the guitar. Switching over from a past of piano playing, Miliotis hopes to start a band some day. Ron Tain ('05) also defies the traditional stereotype of guys who don't dance. He spends his time break-dancing and flexing, innovations developed by the "hip hop" industry. Other males also spend their time coming up with their own lyrics and rhymes, or even deejaying.

From 7:30 in the morning until 2:30 in the afternoon, students stay within the walls of Niles West. However, the action after school is far from boring. There are those who collect and do what our parents used to do in the past. The more daring ones, continue to do their own thing.

Photo: Courtesy of Jennifer King

You can't have too many orange cones. If security needs to section off more parking spaces for teachers, please contact Jennifer King ('02) and Carrie Poulsom ('02).

Photo: Angie Kang

"So won't you dance with me, dance with me." Taking a break before a dance performance is Angela Kang ('02) and other performers for many shows sponsored by Fadeaway Entertainment.

Elvis Costello...the cat? Matt Weatherington smiles next to his cat, Mr. Costello, and his collection of over seventy Costello CDs.

Photo: Courtesy of Mrs. Washington

"I like girls that wear Abercrombie and Fitch." Corina Nasui ('02) shows off her navy and white collection of bags from Abercrombie and Fitch stores.

Photo: Courtesy of Corina Nasui

Photo: Courtesy of Matt Olchawa

He's a student during the day, and flies through the snow at night. Matt Olchawa ('02) catches his breath in front of the sun and takes a break from snowboarding.

"My hobbies are cars and computers. I'm the guy to come to for computer help, questions, repairs, etc. Cars, I just know them. I would like to customize one myself but I don't have a car of my own."
-- Michael Hua ('02)

Photo: Angie Kang

"I collect pictures of my closest friends. I can remember all the good times I had because although the people in the pictures might change, the memories within the pictures never change."
-- Loisa DelaCruz ('04)

Photo: Angie Kang

"I spend my time teaching Sunday School at MEC. It's interesting knowing that at one time you were that age and you wonder if you acted the way the kids act. It's an interesting experience teaching them the Quran and how to read it."
-- Wafiqah Sadiq ('02)

Photo: Angie Kang

"I really like fire and have over 200 candles. My favorite is this black candle that looks like a dragon. Usually I just leave my candles around but occasionally I light them all."
-- Patricia Brooks ('04)

Photo: Amy Madilwala

October 31

We Are Here to SCARE You...

In kindergarten, Halloween was a competition for the coolest costume around. The day after would usually consist of students counting and trading candy that they had received the night before, trick-or-treating with their parents. Grade school came along and, especially for those of you who went to Rutledge Hall, Halloween had its own set of hit songs including "I'm a little Jack O'Lantern" and "Witch's Brew." In high school, costumes roam the hallways less and less, yet the trick-or-treating tradition among students is far from dying down.

When the little pre-school children at West roam the halls for candy, you know Halloween is just around the corner. Halloween has always been a holiday anticipated by the students and faculty alike. Although the recent terrorism attacks created some doubt in people's mind, the Halloween spirit still lives on in many. This year costumes seemed to have been taken to a whole new level. Some people didn't hold back, coming to school in extravagant costumes concocted by their imaginations. The faculty roamed the halls as big, feathery birds; members of the Niles West medical staff; mimes; and a walking bubble bath. The student body consisted of Harvard nerds, males dressed as females, female football players, and even a deviled egg!

Who says trick-or-treating is for the young and restless? Students in every direction are heard yelling out plans for the night's events. Many seize the opportunity for free candy, while other like to use the holiday as an excuse to just hang out with their friends. However one spends Halloween night, being safe and dry, is always as important as having fun. Any teachers who are parents know that Michael Myers with a chainsaw isn't half as scary as letting their child out for the night.

Photo: Jacqueline Collens

This witch has a blast blowing things up for Halloween! Giving her final performance is chemistry teacher Mrs. Fugiel.

Photo: Samantha Rosati

Coach Egofske smiles with his football players...oops, I mean pommers dressed as football players. Smiling with their new coach are Brenda Teruel ('03), Jacqueline Collens ('03), Melissa Caballero ('03), Julia Pravnik ('02), Samantha Rosati ('04), Suzanne Ryan ('02), Jamie Willis ('03), and Kristina Govostis ('03).

This Halloween these girls are definitely "all that they can be." Dressed in their camouflage army gear are America's best Bo Young Kim ('02), Ji Hae Kim ('02), Tiffany Clarito ('02), Ida Plaza ('02), Therese Manzanero ('02), Angie Kang ('02), and Heather Deguia ('02).

Photo: Courtesy of Heather Dagata

Halloween is "sew" much fun. Some run to the stores for their outfits, but not Lace Franks ('03). She not only makes her costume, but costumes for other people as well.

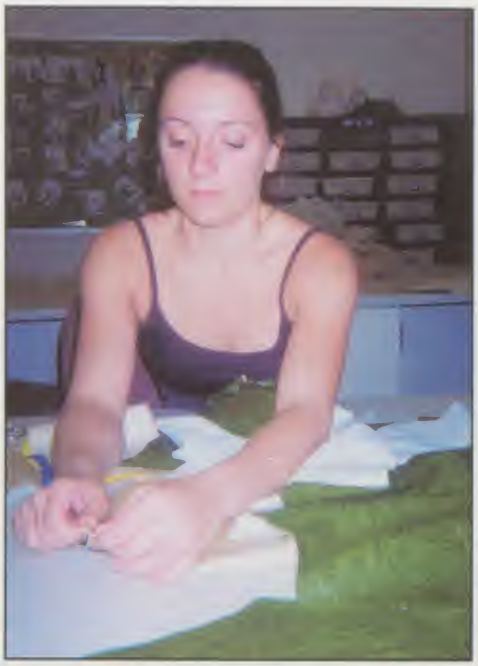


Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Angie Kang

Who would ever want to leave the place where Halloween lasts for over a month? Dressed for the job are Henry Mau ('02), Nicole Lamarr ('03), and Jacquelyn Hernandez ('03).

"I'm probably just going to walk around the Lincolnwood Towers like last year."
-- Laura Phillips ('04)

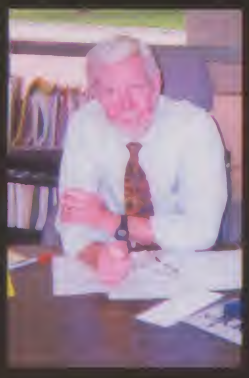
Photo: Samantha Rosati

"I thought twice about trick or treating when I heard an ad on TV about being safe with candy, but I don't think there should be anything different about Halloween this year. Terrorism isn't going to affect a holiday of dressing up and collecting candy."
-- Jamie Willis ('03)

Photo: Samantha Rosati

"I remember this one year when my mom made me this really cool werewolf costume. There was fake fur all over the place. I remember she even had me put Karo Syrup under my eyes to keep the fur on my face."
-- Dean Luke Pavone

Photo: Angie Kang



Dean Erickson probably has the most experience in dealing with the craziness of Halloween. Nothing is too scary for his experienced "deanship."

Photo: Angie Kang

Special Events

Share your affections

Wolves use very primary gestures to express their affections. They vocalize by howling, whimpering, yipping, or even barking. Wolves use howling as a way to rally the pack together for a hunt, to mourn, or to communicate with other packs. Crying at graduation, estatic at prom, humility at awards ceremonies, hooting and hollering at variety shows, dancing closely with a date, this pack isn't afraid to show their affection.

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Photo: Courtesy of Lori Shapiro

Above and Beyond...

Despite the solemnity of the occasion, despite the significance of the awards, despite the seriousness of the scholarships, the Accolades award ceremony was both exciting and meaningful to the students who have shown dedication, leadership, and inspiration in their selective subjects.

Accolades, the annual awards ceremony for students in grades 10-12, took place May 21, 2001. This is the event that all students take pride in because this is the one time that they are acknowledged for their hard work and effort. Students receive awards of all kinds, ranging from sports, to perfect attendance, and even scholarships. Retiring teachers also receive Faculty Recognition awards.

Participating and preparing for the night takes a lot of thought and effort. In fact, the Accolades committee, which consists of Mrs. Alegnani, Ms. Philbin, Ms. Swanson, and Mr. Brodsky, starts planning this evening in early fall. The old saying "Hard work pays off," seems especially true in this case, where the smiles on the faces of the students and their parents are worth a thousand words.

--Lena Rubins and
Amy Madhiwala

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Far Top: Mr. Chris Schwarz, the Master of Ceremonies, welcomes everyone to the prestigious event. As the Master of Ceremonies it was his job to begin the ceremony and introduce all class officers. Top: Ms. Moore congratulates Bowen Chow ('04) as he receives his English award.

Below: A smiling Chelsea Sher ('04) accepts an award from Mrs. Hillier. Sher received an award for being on the honor roll. Far Below: Jason Grover ('01) proudly accepts one of many plaques from Mr. Meskel. They should have changed the name from Accolades to the "Jason Grover Awards Show."

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Highlights...

Photo: Amy Hutchinson

"I enjoyed making it a memorable evening for all involved."
-- Mrs. Alegnani

Photo: Amy Hutchinson

"It was cool how so many people were recognized for their many accomplishments."
-- Kejal Patel ('03)

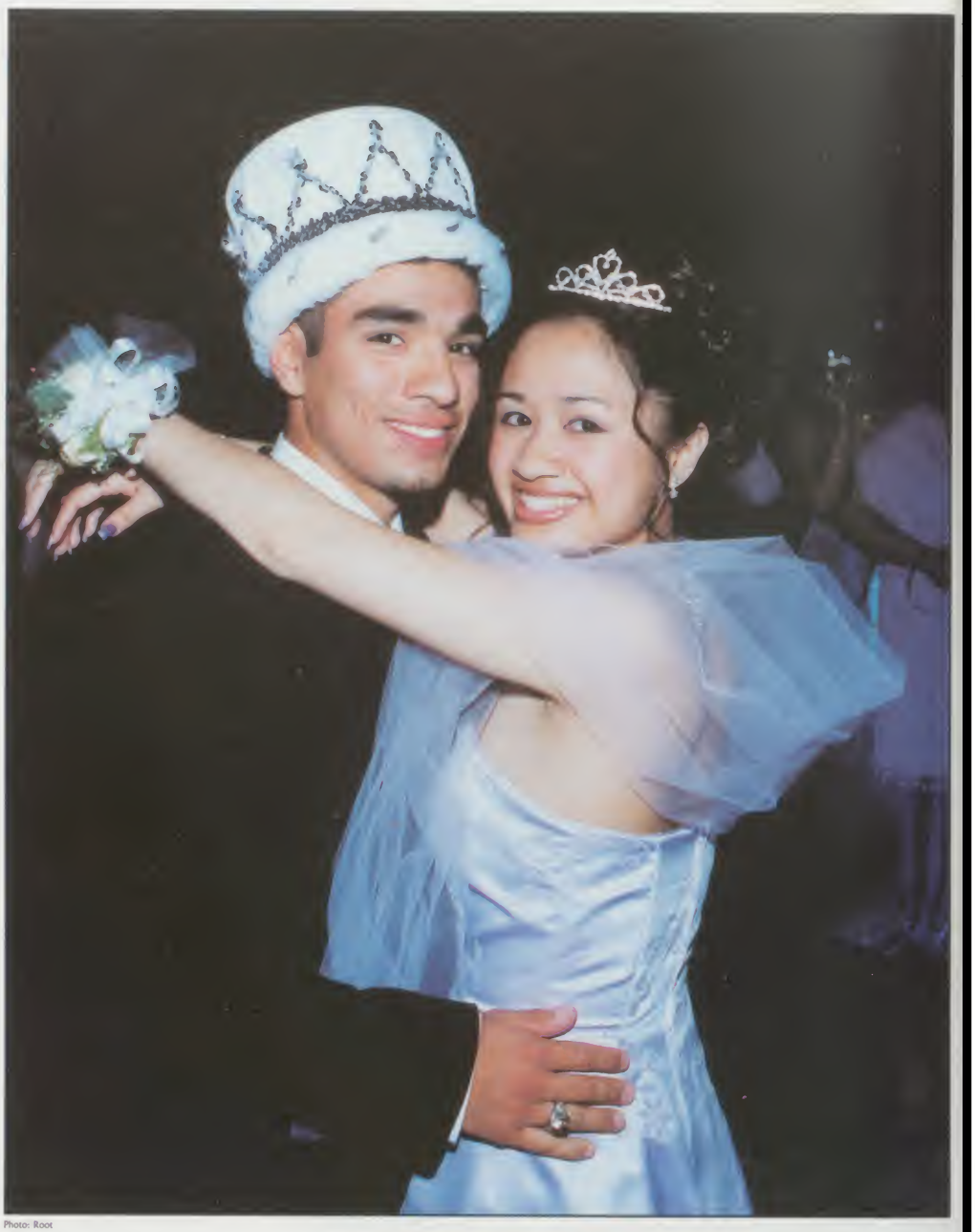
Photo: Root

Top: Hena Qureshi ('04) accepts an award from Mr. Weatherington, Ms. Deguzman, and Mr. Edwards. Each cabinet was allowed to choose the teachers that they wanted to present the honor roll awards. Left: David Berkley ('01) leads everyone into the Pledge of Allegiance. As class president, that was one of Berkley's many duties.

Dancing the Night Away...

Hot pink, turquoise, and luminescent yellow dresses; no, it wasn't a dream, it was Prom 2001. Starting at 7:30 p.m. and lasting until midnight, the 2001 prom was held at the Rosemont Convention Center, the theme "This I promise you." The sight was unforgettable. Once the clock struck midnight, the fun didn't stop. After prom, many attended the Ugly Duck cruise, which was a school- sponsored event. Docking from Navy Pier, the boat ride included a buffet, a DJ, and much more. "The Ugly Duck was more fun than the actual dance," said Daniel Sherovski ('02). The sore feet and dark circles on the attendees' faces the following morning made Prom 2001 truly an experience that many will remember for a lifetime.

-- Jackie Collens and Anna Chaiken



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Far Top: Eddie Aponte and Rochelle Atienza can't seem to stop smiling being announced the 2001 prom queen and king.
Top: Kari Schaab ('01), Heather Blonde ('01), Marina Povzner ('01), and Sarah Van-Every ('01) strike a pose. Aren't their dresses beautiful? Three of them actually made their own.

Below: Lauren Curry ('01) and Israel Garcia ('01) gaze into each others eyes while they dance the night away.
Far Below: Thomas Koral ('01) and Vanessa Turika ('01) take a second from dancing to smile quick for the camera.

Photo: Root

Highlights..

Photo: Root

"We were working so hard all year, we were just happy to see it all come together."
--Ida Plaza ('02)

Photo: Jackie Cabera

"It was interesting to experience an upperclassman activity."
-- Heather Johnson ('03)

Photo: Root

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Top: Greg Toushin ('01), Herbert Bartlett ('01), Lora Michelides ('01), Jennifer Fortman ('03), Vincent Hikekamp ('01) and Julia Anderson ('01) show off their "GQ" looks by posing for the picture.
Left: As their dates had to sit down and rest their feet, Samantha Fields ('01) and Jaclyn Eiseman ('02) could not stay off the dance floor.

Pomp and Circumstance

The day started off with the most important meal--a breakfast provided to the 500+ graduating seniors. Scared and excited at the same time, the soon-to-be graduates didn't really know what to make of the day. Some were ecstatic--the thought of four grueling years of high school finally being over was more than they could bear. But at the same time, there were those terrified at the thought of leaving everything they knew for so long and beginning a new life. After breakfast, there was a rehearsal and then, at 7:00 pm, graduation began. The ceremony was exceptional because it included a song written by graduating senior Matt Erlbach, which was accompanied by the choir. After the ceremony was over, the graduates embraced their friends and family, some in tears and some laughing about old times. The 2000-2001 Niles West graduates bid farewell to their school and friends as they exited the Welsh-Ryan Arena on June 5, 2001 and entered the real world.

-- Ashlee Christian and Kathy Crowley

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Far Top: Will Alequez gives his friend Julia Anderson a hug after graduation is finally over. Top: We know that deep down inside Artem Boldetsky is crying in the inside about graduating....Riiight.

Below: "I asked many people what I should talk about, but the best advice was from my father who said,' Keep It short' " said Joe DiMaria, class salutatorian. Above: Jason Grover delievers an articulate speech to his graduating class.

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Highlights...

Photo: Root

"We cried, we laughed, we graduated!"
-- David Berkley ('01)

Photo: Root

"I'm a freshman again!"
-- Nick Halkias ('01)

Photo: Root

Photo: Root

Top: Joanna Leynes and Elissa Levine seem to be happy about graduation. Almost everyone has mixed emotions about graduating. Left: Jillian Fougerousse, Mrs. Hesser and Tina Pitios smiles for the camera. Not only do graduates have to say good bye to their friends, but also to the faculty that they have known for the past four years.

Senate President David Perzov ('02) said, "Okay, well I found out about a week before the assembly that Senate would be running it. I was given an outline of who was to perform and how much time each group had. It was my job to make sure that everything stayed within its time restraints and the program went smoothly. Right before the assembly started, the captains and those involved were supposed to check in with me. This shows who they are, what they are doing, and prevents me from calling someone up that isn't there. However no one did, so I really wasn't sure who was supposed to do what and who I should call up when. Basically, I didn't know exactly what was going to happen and what every group was doing until that day. Overall, it is an experience I will never forget."

Gym classes watch cheerleaders and pommers stream in and stretch for their long awaited performances. Members new to both varsity squads practice counting the routines in their heads. The marching band lugs their instruments in and broken notes are heard here and there. Smiles begin to break, as the band is finally put to the test. Ryan Pollyea ('02) finishes some last minute tasks for his film debut. Finally, crowds of students in red and white begin to stream in. Ladies and Gentlemen, the show is about to begin.

-- Angela Kang

Preparing the Pack...

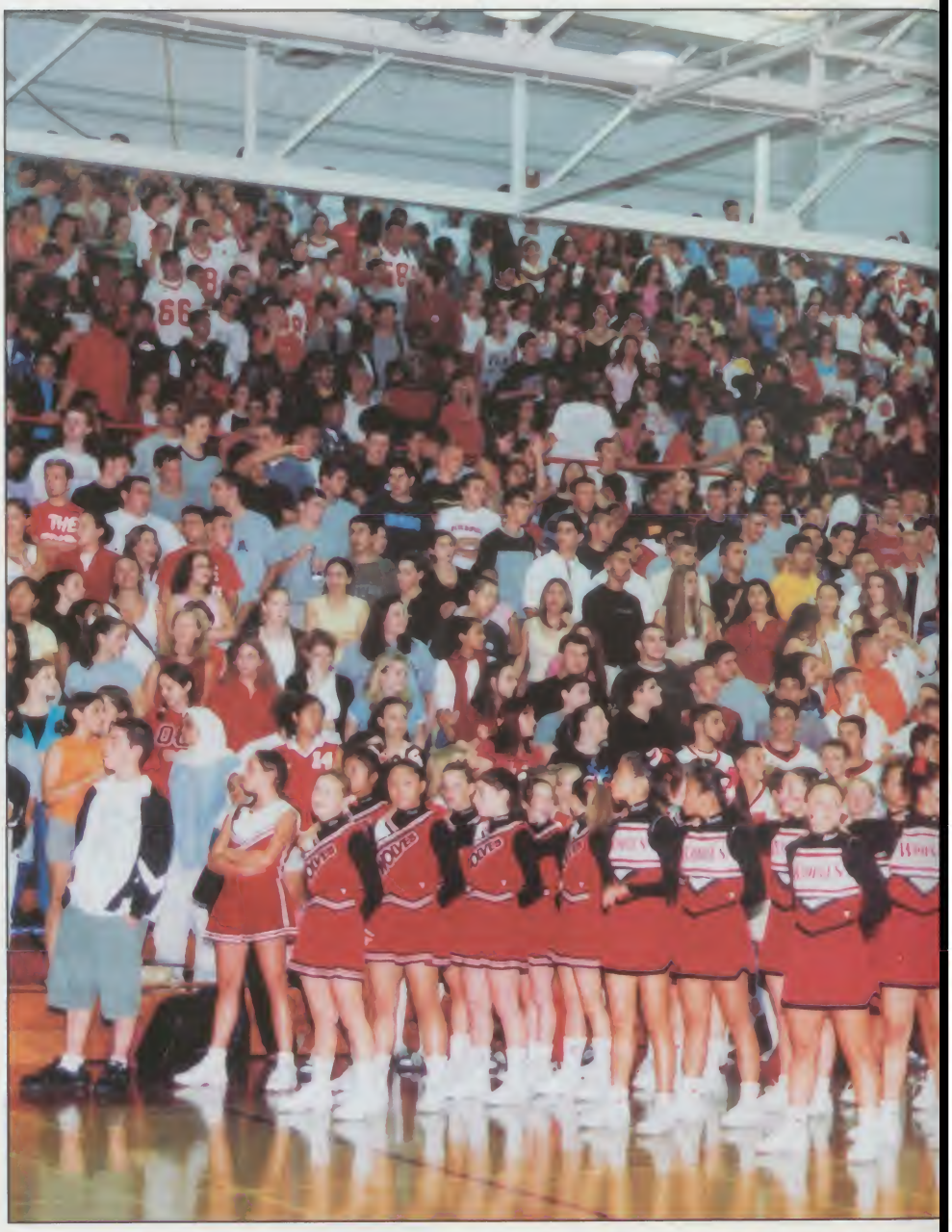

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Photo: Alex Harris

Far Top: What more could a freshman want other than to see cheerleaders fly, a live band, and big jocks? Seniors look forward to also finally taking their long awaited positions on the main floor. Top: Ida Plaza ('02) rushes to decorate her football brother's locker Monday morning of Spirit Week. It is traditional for the Varsity Pommers and the Varsity Cheerleaders to each have football and soccer brothers to surprise throughout the week.

Highlights...

"It got the school year off to a positive start and helped unify the student body. Senate rocks, good job on the assembly guys! This year's movie was awesome!"
-- David Perzov ('02)

"The video has always been an original and fun way to ease everyone into the school year. I know I had a lot of fun working on it and I think it had a nice response from the school."
-- Ryan Pollyea ('02)

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Top: Foot Loose! Ms. Rauser, Julie Barker ('05) and Ms. Anderson kick off their Sunday shoes and sport some "new kicks" for crazy shoe day.
Left: Principal Roger Stein addresses and welcomes the entire school at the kick-off assembly. For the first time in history, the student body stood united as the Niles West Wolfpack.

Walk On the Wild Side...

Upon my arrival early Monday morning, I found frantic cheerleaders and pommers running around, finishing last minute decorations on their brothers' lockers. Students strutted around with the craziest hairdos. Then tragedy struck -- two airplanes struck the World Trade Center and another hit the Pentagon. Classes were halted as everyone turned on radios and televisions. The seriousness of the situation was overwhelming. Nonetheless, the decision was made to continue with some of the homecoming activities.

"I wanted the entire school together in one place to pay tribute to the victims of the September 11th terrorism and to the people who tried to save them."

The pommers and cheerleaders performed their routines, while the coaches introduced their teams.

Finally, Charles Williams ('02) and Ida Plaza ('02) were crowned homecoming king and queen.

"At first I was kind of nervous because I didn't know what to expect if I won," stated Williams ('02).

Although the wolves lost a close game to Glenbrook North, it was a hard fought battle 'til the very end.

-- Alex Harris

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Far Top: Coach Mark Egofske gives a quick, yet inspirational pep talk to the starters. The Wolves were 3-0 heading into the match. Top: The homecoming pep assembly was carried out in a respectful manner in honor of the tragedy. Master Singers sang a beautiful rendition of America the Beautiful to muster up patriotism in among the students.

Charles William ('02) and Ida Plaza ('02) were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. For the first time, the King and Queen ran independently not as couple.

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Top: Instead of Student Union planning the dance, the Homecoming Committee took charge of "A Walk On the Wild Side." "The dance was fun this year. It was a great way to start off senior year," said Alison Stephans ('02). Left: Former teacher Jean Armour and former student/cheerleading coach Alexandra Massias participate in the pre-game candle ceremony. Wolves fans gathered in the stadium a half hour before gametime to honor the victims of the tragedy and their families.

I Have A Dream...

Niles West started off the new year with the annual Martin Luther King assembly. Many students worked together, along with Mark Wilson, to organize the assembly and ensure that Dr. King's message was not forgotten. "The color of your skin means nothing. It's what's inside that makes you you. Everyone is different and that is okay," said Carolyn Zich ('03). While some students used poetry to get the message across, others took part by performing different song and dance routines that made the audience aware of King's accomplishments. The assembly made students stop and think about the more important issues among us today. Some students produced a skit that focused on stereotypes of different cultures; by the end they proved that all the minor details can be overlooked and everyone can be friends. The Martin Luther King Assembly was different from past years because of the inspiring feeling you felt when leaving. When you stepped out of the auditorium doors, the teachings of respect and nonviolence were taken with you beyond the halls of Niles West.

-- Lena Rubins and Jenny Allen

Photo: AP

Photo: Jackie Collins

Far Top: King delivers his " I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial. Top: These students choreographed a dance to the song, "What Have You Done to Make me Proud?" They proudly represented the unity our country still holds after the September 11 tragedy.

Highlights...

Photo: Kathryn Barquez

"I liked how the focus was put on the importance of peace since it pertains to what's happening in our world today. We all need to be reminded of the past so that we can deal with the present and future."
--Kathryn Barquez ('03)

Photo: Jenny Allen

"I think the assembly showed us how to respect each other, regardless of color, because everyone deserves respect."
-- Danny Dankha ('02)

Photo: Lena Rubins

Photo: Lena Rubins

Top: At the end of the show, all the students in the assembly joined together on stage. Together they danced and showed the audience that everyone can work and have fun together. Left: Far Top: Sherley Delma ('04), Kristin Ungar ('03), Laura Spiro ('03), Carolyn Zich ('03), and Beeta Azarnoosh ('03) represented the African-American Club and Student Union for the assembly. They performed a skit involving stereotypes among different races.

Taste of diversity

Have you ever had a taste of multiple cultures without having to spend time and money to visit a lot of countries? The students who went to International Night experienced just that. From cultural dances to awesome fight scenes, the show highlighted the music and traditions of each country. The Chinese-Thai Club started out with a fight scene which showed off great technique, followed by a dance from the girls in the club who danced to a modern Chinese song. Music was an important part of International Night. Most of the clubs used songs sung in their own languages to make their performances more traditional.

Hard work, great effort, and perseverance made International Night a big success. The willingness of all the participants was the key to putting together such a wonderful show. Students put so much time into practicing their performances that many of them often did not go home until ten at night.

"Participating in International Night gave me the chance to make friends and learn new things about different cultures. Being a part of it was a great experience," said Roma Bavar ('03).

-- Blance Evangelista

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Far Top: With their colorful and very native costumes, Rachelle Lenesca ('02), Lauren Mclaughlin ('03), and Sherley Delma ('04) gracefully perform an African dance. Top: The Japanese Club danced in a circle to portray a traditional and spiritual dance. The group was led by Naomi Miyake ('03).

Highlights...

Photos: Ruoti

"This year's International Night was different because I performed for two clubs. It was really hectic choreographing the fight scene for Chinese-Thai Club and learning the dance for Japanese Club, but it was worth it and I wouldn't mind doing it again. I had a lot of fun."
-- Dexter Yu ('03)

Photos: Ruoti

"International Night was great because we all got to watch different ethnic clubs come together in one night. The months worth of hard work paid off because we did really well."
-- Lincy Kunnacherril ('03)

Photos: Ruoti

Top: This year's International Night had many surprises. One of them was an Armenian dance group that came to perform a traditional Armenian dance. The group consisted of professional dancers who dance for different schools. Left: Colorful costumes and native music were important to a successful performance. The Indo-Pak Club members wore red, black, and white as they danced a native dance called "garba."

Express Yourself...

Music, dancing, laughs, cheers, and fun filled the Auditiorium the night of November 9, 2001. It was a full house; everyone was there and no empty seats could be found. The Niles West Variety Show only happens once a year and gives everyone a chance to express themselves and show the rest of us their creativity and talent.

Behind the scenes of the show were Mr. Nortillo and Mrs. Hesser. Mr. Nortillo first decided to be involved in the variety show after rermembering his high school variety show. "When I discovered that Niles West had no such comparable show, I asked Mr. Brodsky if I could run one."

At auditions, the sponsors were looking for a unique, well-prepared variety of acts. Among the acts chosen to perform was a line-up from rock to ballad to rap and jazz. Dance styles varied from hip-hop to pop, and even cultural dances from India.

Jennelyn Noche ('04), a dancer from this year's show, commented, "It was good to see everyone express themselves in a different way."

-- Brenda Teruel

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Far Top: Andrew Kim ('02) and Sharon Chang ('04) serenaded and moved the crowd nearly to tears with a Christian medley, "Nails In Your Hands" and "Come Just As You Are." "We felt people were touched by our performance but we hope that the message of our songs had a greater impact than the music itself." Top: "Poetry is hip-hop and hip-hop is poetry," says Brian Chung ('02). He recited a poem illustrating this idea and then brought the mood up by adding a little rhythm and beat.

Below: Daniel Wonsover ('03) started the show with the Star Spangled Banner on his guitar followed by a rock song, "Paranoid," with his band. "I was excited and well-prepared but when the curtain went up, my guitar broke so we had to stall on stage."

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Highlights...

Photo: Alex Harris

As one of the last acts, Anne Lamanna ('04) sang "Save the Best for Last." "I live to perform. I love it! I was nervous, but at the same time I was having so much fun!" remembers Anne.

Photo: Reesa Azamoosh

Former student, Ozzie Zarate, performed in four acts with his band students, including the closing percussion number. "I did the Variety Show when I was a student. I had performed in all the numbers, including Eric Clapton's 'Tears in Heaven' with Mr. Nortillo. This year, it was fun to watch and perform with my students as a teacher."

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Top: The H20 Club sent a message of freedom. Demonstrating with chains and inspirational music, the club members eagerly showed the audience "How it Feels to be Free." Top Left: Performing a festive dance from South India, Jacob Chacko ('03) shared his culture with the audience. "I just wanted to do something strange, weird, unnatural, and never done before." Bottom Left: If Brian Chung's ('02) speech wasn't convincing that "Hip-hop is Poetry," then his surprise rap interpretation was. Guest stars Teddy Hsu ('02) and Anthony Nevalga ('02) added to the booming performance, bringing the poetry to life.

Seniors

Assume Responsibility

Seniors are the equivalent to the "alpha" wolves or the head wolves in the pack. These seniors communicate their authority to the rest of the pack, from donning the apparel, to sitting in the designated lunchroom location. Not only do these wolves have to worry about the pack, they furiously fill out college applications that will decide where they will spend the next four years of their education.

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Emanuel Aessa

Justin Afryl

Tahera Ahmad

Asrar Ahamed

Jenny Ahn

Joan Ahn

Pinchas Akiva

Brian Alegre

Ujala Ali

Maricel Amadio

John Andres

Eleni Andritsakis

Melissa Angel

Adeeb Ansari

Ranaa Ansari

Photo: Root

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Courtesy of Joan Ahn

Far left: It is very important to concentrate on keeping in step with the rest of the band. Mike Hua belts out his part of Zoro for the crowd to hear. Don't forget to count. Left: Say cheese... Joan Ahn and Joanne Kim take a moment to bond before they head out for a wild night on the town. Below: Many students choose to take Photojournalism because they have a keen eye for photography. What students don't know is that the course focuses on design as well. Brandy Clark waits for instructions on how to use Page Maker so she can begin her project.

Shabana Ansari

Alexandra Aresenijevic

Angelija Arsenujevic

John Asilturk

Adam Bagnall

Svilena Balabanova

Tanya Baltsevitch

Sandra Barhoumeh

Jenny Barkhoo

James Bartholomew

Natalie Barti

Daniel Berkman

Elliot Berzack

Nasir Bhanpuri

Melissa Binder

Far left: Irene Pisareva glances at an article in a French magazine. Students in 4th year French are required to read a magazine article and talk to their prof about it...all in French! Left: Yuriy Germanovich, Sandra Borto, and Christopher Limjoco talk over a tasty Giordano's pizza. Sometimes it's just fun to reminisce about old times. Below: "No pictures this early honey. My hair is out of place!" Jamal Salem desperately tries to hide behind a bottle of delicious soymilk. Sorry Jamal, we found you!

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Left: By the beginning of senior year, many students have a general idea of where they want to go. Michael Prace receives information from one of the many representatives featured at College Night. Above: "Sarah, I'm right, just trust me." Steven Weiss and Sarah Butler work on their discussion questions for College Prep. Students in Mr. Magnuson's class each taught one scene of Hamlet.

How would you spend your senior ditch day?

"Catching up on my homework."

-- Armand Ladlad

"Like Ferris Bueller."

-- Timothy Edwardson

"Sleep, chill, and go fishing perhaps."

-- Abraham Kim

"I'd go on a road trip with my closest friends."

-- Ji Hae Kim

"I would sell it to a junior."

-- Ryan Pollyea

"At the beach relaxing."

-- Jamie David

"Anywhere but school."

-- Jill Vora

"A day at the spa for complete relaxation."

-- Christina Martinez

"Sleeping, but then again I can't ditch since I'm on attendance probation."

-- Annie Kachaturian

Christopher Borcoman

Sandra Borto

Kimberly Branham

Elizabeth Brunner

Amir Budhwani

Ashleigh Bushman

Sarah Butler

Sandra Calscibetta

Jocelyn Camba

Angel Cardenas

Luz Cardenas

Alissa Catils

Agnes Cha

Claire Chang

Mariann Chelampath

Jane Chernyak

Lina Cho

Anna Choi

Phillip Choi

Jason Chung

Jimmy Chung

Edward Chwal

Tiffany Clarito

Brandy Clark

Aaron Cohn

Allison Coorlas

Joanna Cornici

Jason Crawford

Katherine Crowley

Meghan Current

Lauren Cutlip

Aneta Czarnota

Joralyne Delmacio

Arvind Datt

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Jamie David

Eric Davidson

Heather Degula

Ralph Delos Reyes

Annie Dimaria

Christine Dimoulis

Renees Dinges

David Diryawish

Stefan Donev

Grant Doolittle

Anisa Ebrahim

Timothy Edwardson

Elisabeth Eiermann

Jaciyn Eiseman

Jaqueline Elmorsy

Tom Elzanowski

Photo: Alex Harris

Adam Eng

Marilee Erickson

Tatyana Eskina

Samantha Espinosa

Maggie Evangelou

Sammer Fakhoury

Alex Filin

Scot Flink

Patrick Folise

Billy Frigelis

Amy Gandhi

Jennifer Garcia

Jelena Gasic

Emnet Gebrehiiwet

Valerie Geer

Photo: Ashlee Christian

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Root

Far left: Danil Rybalko takes time out from doing his math homework to help a fellow student. For many seniors who are bogged down with many extracurricular actvities, lunchtime is a perfect opportunity to catch up on work or get ahead. Left: One of the many reasons guys wear cutoff tees is to show-off their bulging biceps. David Kramarz proves to Matt Olchawa that his arms are anything but toothpicks. Hey Matt, did you get your tickets to the gun show? Below: Kary Zarate conducts the marching band during a football game. The band's performance includes a sword fight between Zarate and the color guard.

Yuriy Germanovich

Jennifer Gianos

Christine Gioriosa

Michael Gottlieb

Ryan Goyal

Percival Grande

Dominic Grear

Laura Gross

Katie Grossfeld

Samantha Haglo

Paul Hahn

Lindsay Handler

Brooke Haro

Alex Harris

Lauren Harris

Far left: United we stand...that's the motto seen on billboards around the area. Tiffany Clarito respectfully stands for the singing of our national anthem. Left: On a very early morning, Shelley Abraham and Shivani Patel try to get some extra studying done before the hectic day gets into full swing. Shelley, you need to be looking at your book to see the quotes! Below: For those underclassmen that think senior year is all play and no work, think again! Alan Puric, Christina Martinez, Ashley Oshita, and David Schmidt still have work to do for many classes.

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Root

Maeydah Hayat

Adam Hayden

Karen Heckerling

Margaret Helium

Jorge Hernandez

Kyle Heuer

Adam Hirsch

Karen Hohs

Alyce Horowitz

Mike Hua

Michael Hui

Farhan Hussain

Sana Hussain

Umar Hussain

Mudassir Hussaini

Kyla Imber

Faiza Ishaque

Natalie Isho

What do you remember most about freshman year?

"Freshman English with Mr. Flynn."

-- Dan Muntean

"I was really tiny."

-- Frederick Javier

"I remember acting like an obnoxious 15-year-old so when the freshmen act obnoxious now, I'm more sympathetic."

-- Nadia Shamim

"My hair, spinning a book on my finger, and blowing bubbles off my tongue."

-- Erwin Burro

"How small we all were and how clueless we were as to how fast we'll be out of here."

-- Erin Schlenger

"ESL teachers and friends because we all couldn't speak English and we helped each other out a lot."

-- Seung Hye Lee

"The free pencils."

-- Sandra Borto

"Staying after school with the rest of the class, hanging out in the cafeteria and just being annoying. I don't know why I didn't want to go home but by the time i was a senior, I couldn't wait."

-- Jessica Zich

Photo: Alex Harris

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Above: "Who's the friendliest bear around? Pooh, that's who!" Frederick Javier finds time to give Shivani Patel a hug, except for when he's on the hunt for honey. Watch out for the bees, Fred! Below: Every month, the West Word puts out their paper. Besides tearing out the Superdawg coupons, many people, such as Ralph Delos Reyes, read it for the articles.

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Photo: Courtesy of Valerie Geer

Left: James Bartholomew busts out of the chute created by the pommers, cheerleaders, and football players. Can you believe that this athlete also plays in the jazz band? Above: Valerie Geer gets cuddly with a koala. Geer spent her summer "Down Under" in Australia with students from many different schools.

Deneen Italiano

Jennifer Jafari

Frederick Javier

Jennifer Jensen

Jessica Jimenez

Shwetha Jinkala

David Johanson

Sanitha Joseph

Jenna Kaferly

Jerin Kalappurayil

Todd Kane

Angela Kang

Sophia Karalexis

Shannon Karra

Kausar Kazi

Vivian Khabeer

Photo: Alex Harris

Imtiaz Khan

Jacqueline Khoury

Abraham Kim

Andrew Kim

Boyoung Kim

Christopher Kim

Grace Kim

Joanne Kim

Ji Hae Kim

Kevin Kim

Kiwon Kim

Paul Kim

Suhyun Kim

Sean Kim

Christopher Kimura

Jennifer King

Photo: Alex Harris

Lidia Kolasa

Lucy Komorowski

Jennifer Kong

Inna Kostyukovskaya

David Kramarz

Susan Kraus

David Krynski

Catherine Ku

Namita Kurian

Helena Kwon

Armand Ladlad

Nicolette Lambropoulos

Marilyn Lara

Andrew Lazar

Ada Lee

Photo: Root

Photo: Alex Harris

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Far left: It's the opening weeks of school and the football team is winning! This certainly gives cheerleaders Jennifer Kong and Vanessa Pasia something to smile about. Left: Robert Yavitch puts the finishing touches on his "face" before heading to class. Luckily, Halloween only comes once a year. Below: Marissa Spitz and Allison Putt introduce the members of the swimming and diving team. Spitz was also a member of the homecoming court.

Ann Lee

Jacob Lee

Jane Lee

Jane Lee

Seung-Hye Lee

Michael Lehrer

Elizabeth Leisner

Margaret Leisner

Rachelle Lenesca

Maxim Levin

Kelly Ann Levine

Ara Lindstrom

Christopher Limjoco

Dolores Lin

Inessa Makarova

Far left: French students from Niles West and Niles North gathered at the Robert Johnson Auditorium to hear a Cajun music group to celebrate National French Week. Students were also given the opportunity to try out different instruments. Darryl Sher is a pro at playing the washboard. Left: Aaron Cohn practices his balancing skills on an AP Environmental Science field trip to Indiana Dunes, as Daniel Berkman assists him. Just don't get caught goofing around, boys. Below: Working at Party City has its perks, especially at Halloween time. Michael Moses nixes the costumes and opts for the gruesome boils and blemishes.

Photo: Margaret Leisner

Photo: Angela Kang

Photo: Alex Harris

Varun Malhotra

Jason Manuel

Therese Manzanero

Matthew Margolis

Luke Markewych

Sean Martin

Christina Martinez

Larry Masarsky

Edward May

Alina Mazurenko

Alex Meng

Maksin Mikolutskiy

Brandon Mita

Fahad Mohammad

Valentina Momirovic

Aurora Monreal-Berner

Norman Moore

Francisco Moreno

What would be the ultimate senior prank?

"Pouring Jello mix in the pool."

-- Steve Thomas

"Bring three pigs to school. Let them run around and label them 1,2, and 4."

-- Jason Chi

"Put a 'for sale' ad in the paper for a building with a swimming pool, basketball court, and tennis court. Give the school office number and see how many people call."

-- Cory Nelson

"All the seniors coming to school naked and seeing how the administration can try to find 570 white, oversized Niles West T-shirts for us all to wear because of our 'dress-code violation'."

-- Jessie Moskowitz

"Stealing all the Geos from the driving range."

-- Edward Park

"Dropping sugar in every teacher's gas tank. JUST KIDDING."

-- Jeff Roer

"Gluing all the doors shut."

-- Sliwo Samano

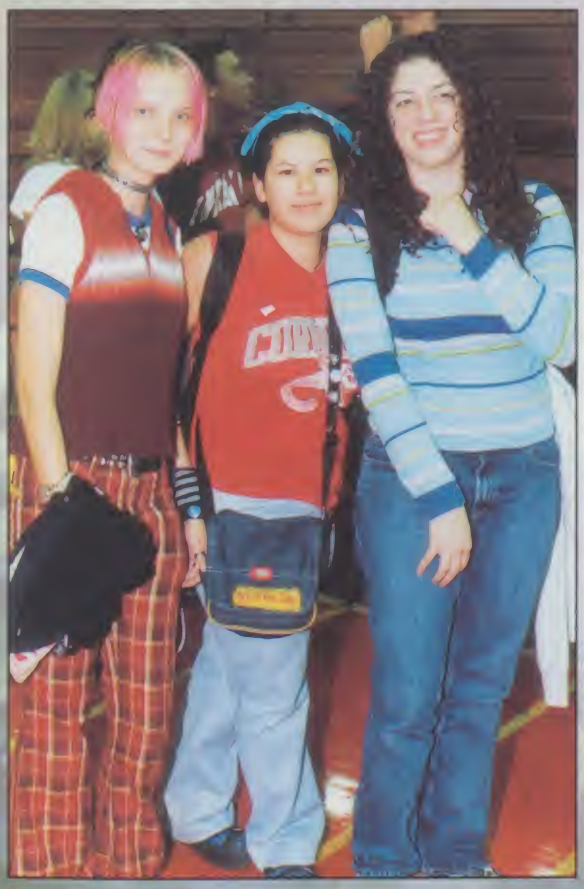
"Anything besides stink bombs. It's been done to death already."

-- Paul Hahn

Photo: Root

Photo: Courtesy of Carrie Poulsom

Above: Arshia Ali uses her powerful forehand to hit the tennis ball. Believe it or not, tennis is a lot harder than it looks. Below: "Are you talking to me?" Mark Neville asks the camera one night out. Many seniors enjoy hanging out at the beach, at people's houses, or spending time in downtown Chicago.



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Left: One of the highlights of having assemblies is shortened classes. Agnieszka Szara, Pauline Miliotis, and Melissa Binder stop before heading out of school before the weekend starts. Above: Band is a four-mod class that is only offered at certain times of the day. James Bartholomew, Mike Hua, Andrew Kim, and David Perzov keep the beat during Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Jason Mose

Michael Moses

Jessie Moskowitz

Stacy Moss

Melissa Motel

Meagan Moyer

Michael Mueller

Brandon Murphy

Estera Negru

Cory Nelson

Mark Neville

Elena Nicolopoulos

Evelyn Nicolopoulos

Milena Nitti

Robert Noonan

Claire Nowak-Boyd

Photo: Alex Harris

Greg O'Brien

Michael O'Brien

Ninawa Odisho

Matt Olchawa

Antoni Olpchenski

Ashley Oshita

Leslie Osorio

Jason Ostro

Pooja Ooza

Julie Pak

Edward Paramadilok

Edward Park

James Park

Jin Park

Adam Parsill

Vanessa Pasia

Photo: Alex Harris

Ankur Patel

Jignesh Patel

Kamini Patel

Rajesh Patel

Ritesh Patel

Shaily Patel

Shivani Patel

Shruti Patel

Neha Pathak

Mariam Pauls

Lindsay Perlen

David Perzov

Anil Philip

Steven Phillips

Joseph Piekos

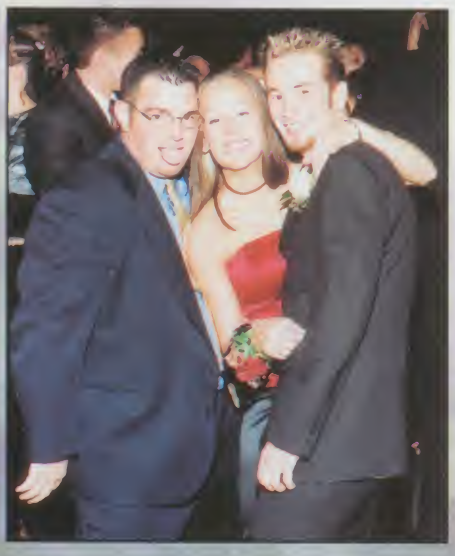

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Photo: Margaret Leisner

Far left: Joseph Rusinak, Lauren Harris, and Lucas Markewych. For these seniors, this was their last homecoming dance. Left: Lori Sahakian, Julie Thomas, and Shruti Patel test how good the water is at Indiana Dunes for AP Biology. AP Environmental Science (APES) accompanied the class as well. Below: Jessie Moskowitz, Alyce Horowitz, and Renee Dinges relax in the Horwitz's backyard before Alyce departs for Niles North's prom. The girls have been friends since before high school.

Stefani Piermattei

Robbie Pingul

Irene Pisareva

Kathy Pisula

Ida Plaza

Vanessa Poladian

Jacqueline Polikoff

Ryan Pollyea

Daniel Poloz

Carrie Poulsom

Jenny Powell

Kayakalp Prajapati

Julia Pravnik

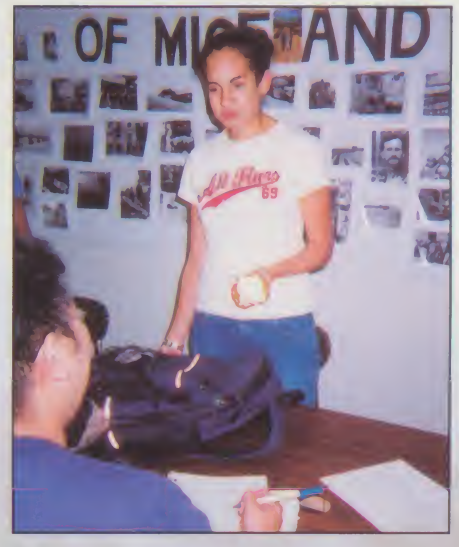
Alan Puric

Allison Putt

Far left: Sharon Wolf finishes her apple before the start of her AP English class. While most teachers condemn eating in class, there are a select few that give into the famished students pleas. Left: After a long day of workshops and walking, Katherine Crowley and Angela Kang chill on the "T." The girls spent three days in Boston attending the NSPA Journalism Conference. Below: "Ahh, this is harassment!" A panicked Arvind Datt drops his head hoping that Mr. Weatherington will stop harassing him. Maybe Mr. Weatherington is after something, like homework?

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Angela Kang



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Ali Quadri

Eric Quinn

Steven Rasich

Vidhi Raval

Christopher Ravenna

Seth Reagen

Thomas Reese

Christopher Regidor

Chizu Rivera

Jeff Roer

Paul Rosario

Robert Rosati

Michael Rose

Andy Roshangar

Bret Ruber

Holly Rubenstein

Joseph Rusinak

Sara Ryan

Where do you think you'll be in ten years?

"I'll be a very rich accountant with a Ferrari in my driveway and an Olympic sized pool in my backyard."

-- Alan Puric

"Hopefully on Broadway singing musicals. I'll be sure to send you free tickets."

-- Elisa Winter

"After graduating with high honors from University of Illinois, engineering, I will have my own firm, a sweet crib, 12 cars, and live somewhere in the 'burbs."

-- Peter Nelson

"Living at home, still."

-- Christopher Ravenna

"Touring with punk bands."

-- Pauline Miliotis

"Man, I don't have a clue where I'll be tomorrow."

-- Syed Ahmed

"Flying bombers for the Air Force."

-- Jacqueline Stewart

"Working at NBC on some new, hip show."

-- Susan Kraus

Photo: Root

Photo: Angela Kang

Above: As she approaches the finish line, Chizu Rivera kicks it up a notch. Rivera chose to pursue cross-country this year to prepare herself for track. Below: Watch out seniors, we have a real William Tell on our hands! Edward Paramadilok gets ready to release his arrow Adventure Education.

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Alex Harris

Left: It's a good thing that the deans have such a good sense of humor when it comes to Halloween. Jessie Moskowitz comes to life as Dean Kathy Johnson with red lanyard and blonde hair. All she needs is a Niles West t-shirt to hand out to those inappropriately dressed students. Above: Who is this masked man with Samantha Espinosa? It's Michael Rose, man of the match. Rose played an outstanding game against St.Pats, which helped the wolves win the Regional Championship.

Suzanne Ryan

Danil Rybalko

Alina Ryk

Wafiqah Sadiq

Lori Sahaklan

Jamal Salem

Siiwo Samano

Joshua Sanderman

Chad Schenck

Erin Sclenger

David Schmidt

Patrick Schramm

Stacey Schulman

James Serio

Jay Shah

Jolly Shah

Photo: Alex Harris

Nadia Shamim

Daniel Sherovski

Ai Shibusawa

Sergey Shlyapintokh

Tiffany Shu

Nosheen Siddiqui

Mark Siegel

Melissa Siegel

Sonia Singh

Jennifer Son

Leo Souflakis

Nicole Speropoulos

Marissa Spitz

Richard Stanislaus

Alison Stephans

Jennifer Stevens

Photo: Alex Harris

Jacquelinee Stewart

Stephanie Stilling

Daniel Stock

Tommy Stoic

Daniel Subotich

Andrew Sutherland

Peter Svenson

Agnieska Szara

Rodessa Tallud

Aiza Tan

Jennifer Teleback

Lindsay Thieleman

Julie Thomas

Steve Thomas

Ramsena Toma

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Courtesy of Amy Rainey

Far left: Amy Rainey talks to one of her many contacts at Niles West. Rainey has been on West Word all four years. Left: Marissa Spitz and Adam Parsil share an end of the year moment before they are officially seniors. Below: Members of Senate brave the cold Chicago weather as they wait for the Breast Cancer Walk to begin. This is one of the many community service projects in which Senate particlpates.

Natanaela Topircean

Ariella Toren

Billy Toy

Perry Trafman

Christina Tragas

Lisa Tran

Irina Uk

Matthew Uyeno

Michael Van Alstin

Kevin Vanderporten

Janne Varghese

Sejal Varma

Erik Vaux

Danijela Vlaskovic

Jill Vora

Far left: Christina Martinez glances over her friend's homework to see if she can help. Martinez is a member of National Honor Society. Left: The captains of the football team deliver an inspirational speech to the school community and staff. They must have a problem with speaking in public. Alex Filin can't face the crowd. Below: "Please Peter, can I borrow a dollar?" begs George Nisan. Peter Katsogianis shrugs off his acquaintance, but Christina Tragas offers him some Fritos.

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

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Enes Vuiic

Steven Weiss

Charles Williams

Lonnie Williams

Ebonie Wilson

Elisa Winter

Stephanie Wishnoff

Sharon Wolf

Stefanie Wu

Robert Yavich

Grace Yi

Ronson Yong

Young Yoon

Nora Youkhana

Kary Zarate

Kelly Zehner

Jessica Zich

What was your most embarassing moment in all your four years at West?

"On the first day of school freshman year, Dean Erickson walked into my study hall and yelled 'Hey daughter!' I still get asked today if he's my dad."
-- Marilee Erickson

"Freshman year I was swimming during gym class and my trunks came off without me knowing. I got out of the pool and everyone saw me naked."
-- Ryan Goyal

"My freshman year I was wrestling Mr. Henrici in gym and he threw me. I hit the wall and passed out."
-- Andrew Sutherland

"I couldn't find the cafeteria on my first day of school freshman year!"
-- Ann Lee

"Freshman year I was wearing those swishy pants and when I went to get a chair in the cafeteria. I totally slipped off and fell on my butt. The whole cafeteria started clapping!"
-- Jennifer Teleback

"First month of school I got two Saturdays for trying to shade in my friend's dimples."
-- Eugene Granovsky

"Senior year I fell being introduced before a football game."
-- Kyle Heuer

Photo: Root

Photo: Sophia Harris

Above: Sage Greising laces up his cleats for pregame warm-ups. Greising was a key player in West's defense. Below: Many students prefer to use the computers in the IRC because they are surrounded by endless amounts for information besides the internet. Edward May takes advantage of the free time to finish some research.

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Left: Something new! Karen Hohs stunned students and faculty by dressing as a cheerleader for Halloween. Above: It requires great concentration and focus to succeed in athletic competition. Allison Putt approaches the pool for her next event in hopes of placing first.

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Photo: Angela Kang

Above: Science teacher Steve Foerch looks over Dennis Emocling's fine work. Seniors find it hard to focus knowing that graduation is only nine months away. Left: Margaret Leisner and Alex Harris laugh over some recent fortunes hanging in their locker. This has been an ongoing tradition since they have been locker partners. Middle: Emnet Gebrehiiwet plucks her strings to make sure that her violin is in perfect tune. Gebrehiiwet has been a member of the orchestra since her freshman year, but started playing the violin when she was in third grade. Below: Seniors showed their spirit by participating in Spirit Week. These seniors dug out their slippers for Crazy Shoe Day.

Photo: Alex Harris

What Teacher Will You Remember in Ten Years and Why?

Until your senior year you don't really realize what kind of an impact every single one of your teachers has made on you. Seniors spend four years in the same school, yet every single teacher is different and unique in his own way. Although we might seem ungrateful, every senior is in debt to each teacher they have had over the course of the past few years. Often, we don't get a chance to say a personal thank-you, but we'd like the teachers to know that we really appreciate them.

"Mr. Kolze, because of how wild he is in class."

-- John Asilturk

"Mr. Schwarz, because I think he had the best teaching technique and his shiny, bald head always made me smile."

-- Leslie Osorio

"Ms. Swanson, because she made a footprint in my heart. She helped me realize the important things in life and taught me not to sweat the small stuff."

-- Agnes Cha

"Mr. Weatherington, because he challenged me to learn outside the box and create my own learning experience."

-- Alyce Horowitz

"Mr. Miller and his excellent teaching techniques in math."

-- Daniel Poloz

Photo: Alex Harris

What Teacher Will You Remember in Ten Years and Why?

"Mrs. Hancock has instilled in me a new found way of thinking. I found a new way to analyze everything from books to everyday life."
-- Alex Meng

"Mr. Nortillo, because not only is he a teacher but also a comedian. He has great traffic conditions!"
-- Ai Shibusawa

"I'll always remember Mr. Rigby because he is the best teacher I have ever had. He cares about all his students and takes time to talk to you like a real person."
-- Jessica Jimenez

"Ms. Attig, because it really fells like she cares about her students and she wants them to learn."
-- Norman Moore

"Coach Egofske, because how can you forget him?"
-- Larry Masarsky

"Mr. Savage, because he gets hit by a car once a semester."
-- Kevin Vanderporten

"Ms. Natzke. When I came to Niles West she helped me get used to school and she is the only one who understood all the ESL students' situations very well."
-- Julie Pak

Photo: Alex Harris

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Above: Paul Hahn, swm, 18, enjoys candlelight dinners, long walks on the beach, and Spiderman. For more information call... Below: College night was held on September 12th. Due to the terrorist attacks, many representatives were unable to attend. Joshua Davis attentively listens to one of the many representatives available at the fair.

Photo: Alex Harris

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Left: Melissa Motel is escorted by counselor Mitch Stern at the Homecoming Kickoff Assembly. Members of the court were nominated by faculty members. Above: Many people find reading as a form of relaxation. Stefani Piermattei prepares for a stressful day ahead of her by getting in a page or two.

Juniors
Second in command

The "beta" wolves, or second in command, take over when something goes awry with the alpha wolves. But for these beta wolves, this isn't necessarily the case. Junior year is a very demanding year. They have to take the required SAT, ACT, Prairie State Exam, and also manage a very tough academic schedule. This is the year that grades really count, before the young wolves start applying to colleges next fall.

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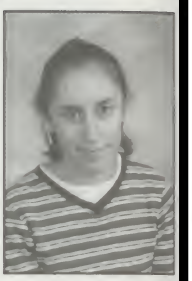
Kristopher Ahrens
Saif Al-Hamid
Urooj Alam
Evans Alexander
Zeeshan Ali
Jennifer Allen

Sergio Alzate
Daniel Anderson
Talin Andralasiyan
Lester Aralca
Matthew Arends
Maryann Arsenijevic

Beeta Azarnoosh
Sally Bae
Jeff Balin
Melissa Barker
Kathryn Barquez
Dorine Bella



Aaron Bendel
Karen Benetatos
Kathy Benetatos
Michael Berger
Sunita Bhola
Charles Blanchard

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Top: Anna Chaiken, Jacqueline Collens, Dana Freeman, Julie Theefs, Nicole Jeans, Christine DePaolis, Jenny Allen, Kathy Benetatos, and Michaela Bobos look pretty now. But they are about to go out and get sweaty and muddy as they work hard to throw as much toilet paper onto the football players' houses as possible. Right: During this year's homecoming assembly, the whole junior class rises to cheer on their football team as the varsity's starting line-up is read.

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Photo: Courtesy of Jeff Maher

Left: Football...what the real men do. Here Michael Tomoleoni, Nicholas Frank, Jeffery Maher, and Daniel John Kosiba have a rough but fun game of football. These strong men are the top guns on our football team. Bottom: It's time for a little fun in the sun. These juniors spend some of their busy summer days at the beach, lying in the sun and swimming in the lake.

Photo: Courtesy of Corinne O'Reilly

Becky Bloom
Michaela Bobos
Sara Bostetter
Rodelyne Boursiquot
Mohammed Bozal
Sami Bozal

Karl Brandt
Michelle Brodsky
Paul Brown
Alex Buc
Tony Buljubasic
Megan Burns

Melissa Caballero
Joseph Cabrera
Crystal Calayag
Aldwin Castillo
Jacob Chacko
Anna Chaiken

Jay Chazen
Jessie Chen
Robert Chen
William Chiang
Amy Chiu
Jeanne Chiu

Right: Junior Class President Dorine Bella speaks at the homecoming pep assembly. Bella has been class president for two years now and her main focus this year is keeping the juniors in cabinet sane while planning for prom. Bottom: Patrick Malartsik is as busy as a bee. Here he uses his class time to finish a project.

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Photo: Alex Harris

Phillip Chou
Ashlee Christian
Michael Chun
Milica Cicmil
Klaudyna Cieszynska
Ruben Codrean

Jacqueline Collens
Diego Colon
Jesus Colon
Kellien Conklin
Alexandra Corcoran
Rebecca Cornici

Colleen Corrigan
Nicholas Cosmos
Enrico Costabile
Nicole Cox
Monica Dabul
Sebastian Daniłowski

Rona David
Sherley Delma
Christine Depaolis
Taxiarhis Dimoulas
David Dorband
James Drachenberg

Chris Drouganis
Kate Edelson
Desiree Ederer
Alexander Elman
Ida Eng
Jennifer Eng

Kathryn Ernst
Michael Fazellan
Jennifer Figueroa
Robert Finnerman
Sean Finnerman
Bryan Foley

Jennifer Fortman
Nicholas Frank
Lace Franks
Simona Fratu
Cory Freeman
Dana Freeman

Caroline Froning
Dominic Gabriel
Nisha Gabriel
Dinesh Gajjar
Jerry Galinsky
Jaqueline Gaode

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Courtesy of Mallory Portnoy

Photo: Root

Far left: What? Heather? How? This is a once in a lifetime sight! Heather Hohs, a cheerleader? No, I thought she was a basketball and softball player! She didn't lose a bet; it's just Halloween! Left: Aw! Look how they have grown! Mallory Portnoy and Todd Matten show their pearly whites, as they get ready to go dance the night away. They have been friends since pre-k! Top: Cross Country Varsity Superstars, Errol Rice and Alexander Elman try to make a strong finish so they can catch their breath. Running so much — is it really worth it? Of course it is to our athletic girl and boy runners.

Right: Attending College Night junior year is a great head start for next year. College bound Nicolette Larson and her father ask questions and fill out information cards so they can find out more about the College of St. Benedict. Many juniors want to go to college and College Night is a great opportunity to learn. Bottom: Lunchtime is a great time to finish up some homework, but not for Nicole Kouzoukas. Here Nicole is starting her homework, desperately trying to finish before the end of the period.

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

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Ariane Garcia
George Gates
Jacob Gates
Jason George
Rami Ghattas
Martin Gibbs

Alex Gikas
Jimmy Gikas
Rachel Gitlin
Mara Glasser
Jane Goldshteyn
Janet Gonzalez

Jennifer Gorski
Kristina Govostis
Geline Goy
Sandra Goyal
Anthony Gragnani
Eileen Grande

Sergie Grebenschikov
Shaun Guardino
Kristin Guiang
Cindy Guzman
George Hamada
Kristin Hanaoka

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Left: "Aw, getting to pie my math teacher, Ms. Davis, in the face was the best feeling ever, and it just about made my year!" exclaimed Beeta Azarnoosh. After the "pieing" Azarnoosh ran for her life. "Man, I never saw Beeta run so fast, ever!" comments Heather Johnson. Bottom: Junior year...so much stress...so much work... just can't take it any more! Here Jaqueline Collens is about to go insane over all the work and stress. It's okay Jackie; we still love you!

Photo: Amy Madhlwala

Junior year... One step closer to being seniors...

The hardest year of a person's high school career is probably junior year. It is the year when students work as hard as they can to make up for the past two years of messing around and not taking every thing seriously. This is the year of ACTs, PSATs, SATs, Prarie State Exams, PSAEs...and all the others crazy letters that want to make a junior go nuts. Many decisions are to be made during this year. It is the most crucial when it comes to choosing a college and a career. To be ahead of the game, juniors attend College Night, visit college campuses, and spend time in the College Resource Center.

But despite all of the horrible stories about junior year, there are still memories to be cherished. It's the year before students become the leaders of the student body. There is more freedom when it comes to staying out later and being able to drive to school. The other glories of being juniors are the fact that it is the first year that they are upperclassmen, and most get the opportunity to play for a Varsity team. There is more respect from fellow students, and it is a nice feeling to know that underclassmen look up to the juniors. As the most important year even with all the stress and craziness that go on, junior year will probably be the year that will never be forgotten.

-- Blance Evangelista and Beeta Azarnoosh

Reasons why juniors can not wait to be seniors...

Last year of high school	56%
More freedom	27%
Top dog	17%

David Hawk
Tyler Heidtke
Susan Heilig
Jodi Henriksen
Jacquelyn Hernandez
Jonathan Hester

Kim Ho
Heather Hohs
Michael Holmes
Stephanie Holub
Stevie Ideno
Lorraine Ishida

Rezai Islam
Ilda Ivanovic
Nicholas Jacobucci
Devin Jaremus
Andrew Jatico
Nicole Jeans

Lu Jin
Ashley Johnson
Eric Johnson
Heather Johnson
Cheryl Kachka
Aaron Kahn

Photo: Courtesy of Beeta Azarnoosh

Photo: Jackie Collens

Top: Why are the two of you smiling? The "Beeta Mobile" has gotten a flat tire on its way to Midnight Riding. Five girls...stranded in Morton Grove...no clue how to change a tire...all on their cell phones and who do they call? Nick Cosmos and his sidekick Jeff Maher to the rescue. Right: You just think Mallory Portnoy has stinky feet and that is why she has her feet in a kitchen sink, right? Well, little does anyone know that Mallory really does have stinky feet. Her dog got so excited to see her, he peed on her feet!

Photo: Courtesy of Jackie Collens

Left: Wow, these girls look like they are having lots of fun in the kitchen. This is not just any old kitchen; this is Scottie Pippen's kitchen in his condo downtown. Christine DePaolis, Janet Gonzalez, Arbella Younan, Rebecca Cornici, Dana Freeman, Kristin Guiang, Ivana Moric, Kathryn Barquez and Jacqueline Collens had the time of their lives living the upper upper upper class life. Bottom: Skilled musician, Josh Solomon, practices his guitar. Solomon is also is a very talented singer and participates in the Niles West Theater.

Photo: Root

Craig Kaneshiro
Ron Kang
Daniel Karaglannis
Aby Karottu
Mitchell Kato
Kelly Keller

Thomas Kestler
Aminur Khan
Azra Khan
Farah Khan
Safdar Khan
Eun Ah Kim

Jennifer Klein
Jeremy Klein
Joyce Ko
Krista Koenig
Rita Koganzon
Frieda Kolas

Adil Kolovic
Jason Komosa
George Kontos
Brian Koob
Chris Kostoglannes
Mark Kot

Right: Look at these wannabe Texans! Nicole Koucoukas, Mallory Portnoy, Daniel John Kosiba and Anna Chaiken had their own fun on Halloween. Look at the pretty cowgirls I rounded up, thinks Kosiba. Bottom: Growl! Jackie Collens sure enjoys showing school spirit, but she better watch out that she doesn't get eaten alive by the "school mascots." I wonder who really is under those masks.

Photo: Courtesy of Jackie Collens

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Nicole Kouzoukas
Renata Kovelman
Catherine Kowalczyk
Mark Krier
Katie Kriticos
Renee Kroiczyk

Robert Kroiczyk
Benjamin Krop
Alisa Kusolvisitkul
Jon Kwon
Stephannie Kwon
Rafael Lackey

Anthony Lamarz
George Lappas
Nicolette Larsen
Ashour Lazar
Dana Lebitsky
Emin Lelic

Mollie Levison
Andrew Lewallen
Teresa Lim
Atena Lodhi
Peter Lucas
Julia MacHoll

Dale Mackey
Emily Maggi
Jeffery Maher
Paul Makoutz
Patrick Malartsik
Christina Mandou

Christopher Mariano
Tena Maroor
M.Ellinore Marquez
Chelsea Mathis
Todd Matten
Joseph May

Brendan McKenna
Jennifer McKinney
Lauren McLaughlin
Samantha Meyer
Andrew Miller
Naomi Miyake

Anna Mkrtchian
Mohammad Mohiuddin
Jean Mok
Goran Momirovic
Christine Moran
David Moreno

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Photo: Courtsey of Lia Pollvos

Photo: Jackie Collens

Far left: I wish I could be on this wall one day, Nicolas Cosmos thinks to himself. Actually Cosmos is a very good student and is working even harder since it is junior year. Left: Look at these good-looking girls! Lia Palivos and Jasmine Nieves pose and model their everyday school wear. Hey Blake, Jay NI-Ni is over here! Top: Vanilla milkshakes are that funny? Dana Freeman cannot control her laughter as her milkshake goes flying out of her nose and mouth.

Right: With nothing to do one afternoon, these four boys stop in the middle of their chicken fights to pose for a quick pic. Tom, please, get a belt!
Bottom: After a busy schedule of running cut slips to classrooms on every single floor, Dean Monitors Dana Freeman, Rebecca Cornici and Jenny Allen pose for a quick picture.

Photo: Courtesy of Jenny Allen

Photo: Courtesy of Cathy Superdock

Jonathan Naka
Amanda Napravnik
Corina Nasul
Chloe Nelms
Christopher Neltlich
Lester Niedzielski

Jasmine Nieves
Manuel Nodarse
Amanda Nunez
Corinne O'Reilly
Enis Omeralovic
Marco Ontaneda

John Ostrowski
Eileen Ouska
Rendell Padilla
Ak Paramadilok
Rachel Parikh
John Park

Anush Patel
Gaurang Patel
Kejal Patel
Jeffrey Pelletier
Renee Philippose
Joshua Phillips

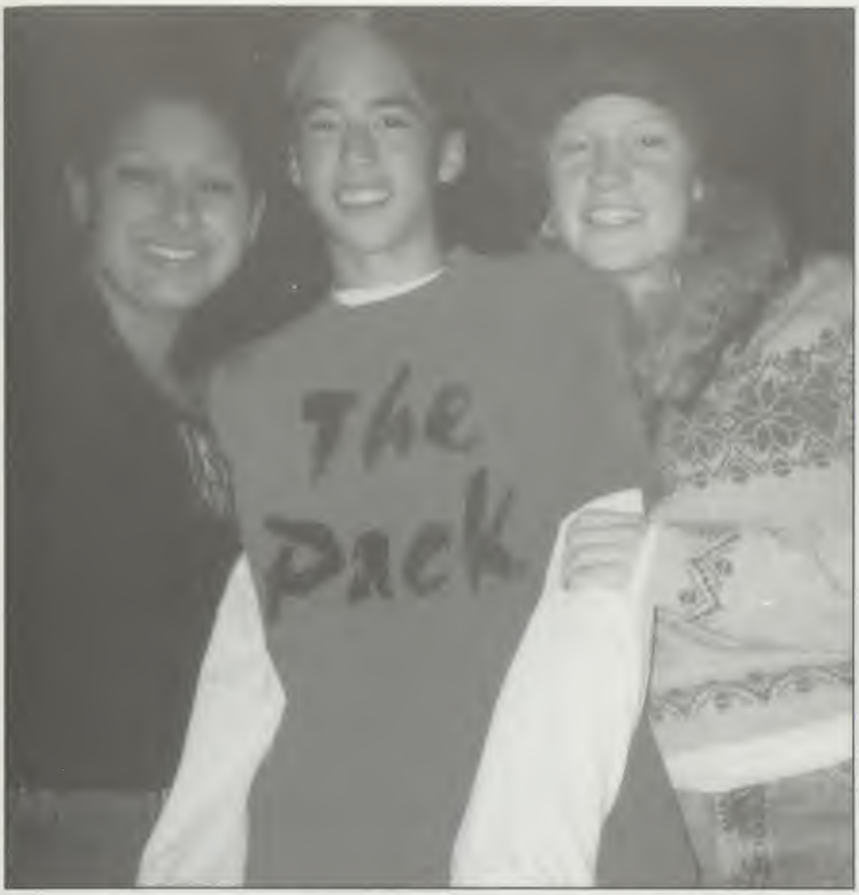

Photo: Courtesy of Corinne O'Reilly

Left: Trying hard not to show how cold they are, Monica Dabul, Tyler Heidtke, and Corinne O'Reilly manage to give us a smile. Boy, can those football games get cold! Bottom: Bombs away! Throwing toilet paper into trees is hard work. Nicole Jeans and Michaela Bobos demonstrate the art of "tee-peeing."

Photo: Jenny Allen

"Oops, I did it again..."

"One morning I decided to tell Anna Chaiken that Britney Spears had died late last night and Anna got so mad that she couldn't talk to anybody for the rest of the day. It was great!" -Chrissy DePaollis

"My most embarrassing moment was when Daniel Uhle rejected me at the Pep Assembly in front of the whole junior class." -Anonymous

"The most disgusting thing I've seen at Niles West was when Chelsea Mathis licked ketchup off of the cafeteria floor." -Peter Lucas

"My sophomore year, a senior found out who I had a little crush on. The following day, she decided to post at least 30 signs displaying this all over the girls' varsity locker room." -Crystal Calayag

"The funniest thing someone did to me was hide my backpack and I missed the bus looking for it." -Daniel Anderson

"The funniest thing someone did to me was pulling down my skirt when I had a thong on and the football team was walking in." -Joanna Park

"It was the last day of freshman year. I was in a hurry to get home and I missed the bus. I ran to the pool hallway and picked up the pay phone. I put the phone to my ear and found out there was cheese all over the phone and on my hair and ear. It was sick!" -Kathryn Barquez

"At the De Vera brothers's 18th birthday bash, my own mother and the celebrants made me sing karaoke in front of everyone. I was so embarrassed because all the seniors and other people were there. My face turned so red and my voice started cracking every time I busted out "So kiss me." -Blance Evangelista

Maria Politis
Mallory Portnoy
Sahar Rahim
Eddie Rayan
Michael Rayan
Amanda Reed

Kelly Reed
Abigail Reiss
Jose Reyes
Jordan Rice
Ben Ritter
Melissa Roberts

Michelle Roberts
Myrill Rodriguez
Vanesa Roimicher
Andrea Roiniotis
Sam Rosen
Michelle Rosienski

Robert Ruber
Lena Rubins
Hannah Rutzen
Brad Sacher
Craig Sadur
Suneeth Samuel

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Photo: Jenny Allen

Top: Looks like Lena Rubin is paying Jackie Collens and Jenny Allen to be in this picture with her and her car. Hey Lena, I'll be your friend! Right: Is it a gravitational pull that is making these cans do this or is Josh Phillips using his magic powers?

Photo: Courtesy of Beeta Azamoosh

Photo: Courtesy of Kejal Patel

Left: After a job well done, this group of Midnight Riders takes a quick picture before moving on to the next house. There were only two nights they went riding when it didn't rain, but the rain never stopped them from having fun... except when Heather Johnson repeatedly threw toilet paper on the roof thinking it would come back down. Nice skills, Heather. Bottom: Ow, ow! Nisha Gabriel, Nida Shakir, Karina Shah, and Kejal Patel show off their stuff for all the guys in the room. Can I get your number baby? Hit me with the seven digits! Uh oh...it's now eleven!

Edgar Sanchez
Brianne Sander
Steve Sarangay
Jimmy Sarivasilis
Morgen Schaik
Emily Scheler

Katherine Schmid
Kevin Schmidt
Bryan Serrano
Karina Shah
Nida Shakir
Fyeqa Sheikh

Jawwad Siddiqui
Anna Sinclair-Georges
Jennifer Sirkin
Erin Smolinski
Jennifer Sobel
Nadia Solovastru

Laura Spiro
Jason Spitzer
Katherine Stachowicz
Kelley Stein
Kathryn Stock
Stephen Stone

Right: Everyone gets along so well! Their nervousness is covered up as they smile pretty for a picture. Bottom: What are these girls up to now? During intermission, Chrissy DePaolis, Anna Chaiken, Beeta Azarnoosh, and Kimberly Edwardson ('04), make creative use of the tape in front of them that was being used to reserve seats. Oh, you girls think you are so funny!

Photo: Courtesy of Beeta Azarnoosh

Photo: Courtesy of Jackie Collens

Timothy Strauch
Aron Sullivan
Catherine Superdock
Erica Tejada
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Julie Theefs
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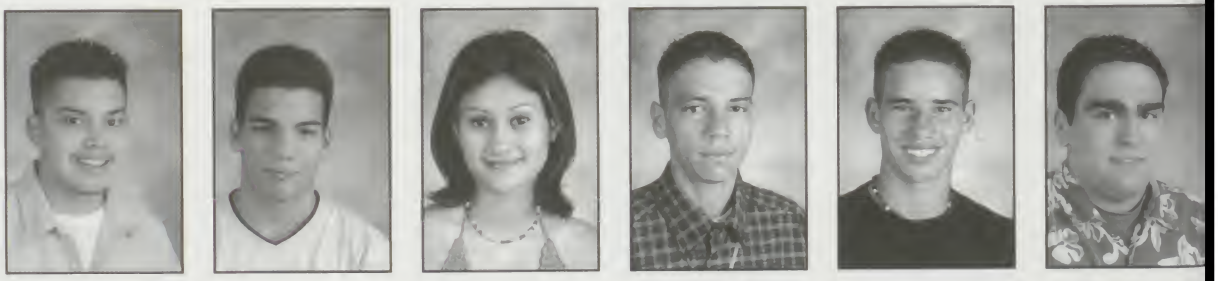
Vasilios Tolliopoulos
Michael Tomoleoni
Caroline Topolinski
Kristin Ungar



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David Van Roeyen-Warda
Nicole Vasquez
Javier Vega
Michael Verissimo
Anthony Vigneri

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Matt Volkov
Danny Vu
Jarrett Wagner
Margaret Wattenbarger

Heather Welch
Kimberly Widdes
Bret Williams
Jamie Willis
Daniel Wonsover
Arshad Yaqoob

Arbella Younan
Dexter Yu
Rebecca Zavelovich
Carolyn Zich
Michael Zonis
Janneth Zumarraga

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Photo: Courtesy of Jenny Allen

Photo: Courtesy of Jackie Collens

Clockwise from top: Colleen Corrigan, Nicolas Jacobucci, George Halkias, Lena Rubins and Jenny Allen, Mallory Portnoy, Jackie Collens, Kristina Govostis, Nicole Kouzoukas, and Anna Chaiken, Maria Politis and Joanna Park.

Photo: Courtesy of Jenny Allen

Sophomores

Rest In Between

They aren't the leaders of the pack, second in command, or even scapegoats of the pack. As sophomores, they can't get away with as much as the freshmen can. Even though the PSAT and the PLAN tests are introductions to two endless years of testing, they aren't faced with loads of homework as are the juniors, which gives them time to rest in between the years.

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Paul Agignoae
Ryan Agustin
Chaudhry Ahmad
Fayyaz Ahmad
Christina Ahn
Sabbir Ahsanullah

Joseph Alvaz
Nabil Alam
Nicole Amsberry
Eunice An
Jason Ang
Shabbir Anwer

Michael Archam
Mikhail Artemchik
Lidiya Azaryayeva
Junhyun Bae
Monika Bak
Eddie Bakus

Christopher Bangit
Valerie Barajas
Eli Barba
Ashley Barys
Michael Batko
Adair Bayatpour

Photo: Courtesy of Ioanna Halkias

Photo: Courtesy of Kimberly Edwardson

Right: Julia Varsamis, Kimberly Edwardson, and Jessica Patera smile for the camera during a volleyball banquet. Being on the team has made these great friends. Top: Although not many people come to the soccer games, these die hard fans are always there. Lauren Perzov, Sarah Oline, Eunice An, Ioanna Halkias, and Kiki Noonan show their support by making signs to cheer the guys on.

Photo: Samantha Rosati

Left: Dancing the night away, Sarah Oline and Nick Tarzian have a magical time at Homecoming. Bottom: Dazed in her own thoughts, Jodi Kane tries hard to concentrate in photojournalism. This is one of the best classes available because students get a chance to take and develop their own film in the school's darkroom.

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Samir Bektasevic
Kristy Bemont
Heather Benson
Steven Berkley
Sam Berkman
Ellen Berzack

Megan Bieschke
Rachelle Billedo
Jennifer Boka
Chris Bostetter
Elena Boyarsky
Ryan Brkljacic

Patricia Brooks
Michael Budzik
Ina Buric
Spacey Cabrera
Gabriel Candea
Danny Carnow

Larisa Caruceriu
Jennifer Casey
Monica Castillo
Natalia Castillo
Kari Chaiken
Willa Chan

Right: President Lauren Zeinfeld rallies up the crowd at a pep rally. Zeinfeld has been president for the last two years. Bottom: Kiki Noonan, Christina Sidiropoulos, and Victoria Jimenez wake up early for volleyball practice on Saturday mornings. These girls act silly trying to keep themselves awake.

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Photo: Samantha Rosati

Sharon Chang
Faraz Chaudry
Carolyn Chermei
Mary Chernyak
Kseniya Chernyavskaya
Thomas Chin

Roger Chiu
Bowen Chow
Nicholas Chuh
Adam Cimochowicz
Stephen Coorlas
Brandon Corday

John Cornici
Eric Courtney
Julie Cuenca
Marc Davidson
Carly Davis
Melanie Davis

Bierim Deilsi
Nathan Diaz
Elena Dimoulis
Peter Dinges
Debra Diryawish
Patrick Dogiakos

Erin Donnelly
Peter Drebos
Maegan Duffy
Kimberly Edwardson
Peter Ellyin
Nicole Elman

Nik Emerson
Robert Filip
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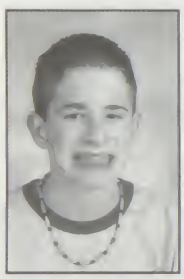

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Jorie Glassner
Charlie Gockenbach
Douglas Goldfein
Blaine Goldflies
Isak Goldman

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Photo: Courtesy of Lauren Perzov

Far left: During halftime, Carolyn Chermel shows off her skills at the Homecoming game. The Color Guard adds to the entertainment of the halftime show. Left: Look at that height! Andrea Markewych jumps up to block the ball at a volleyball game and succeeds in doing so. Top: Lauren Perzov, Brandon Corday, and Jacqueline Snowsky celebrate the closing ceremonies for the JCC Maccabi Games. The games were held in Miami and many recreational areas were open to the athletes only.

Right: Oops! Sandra Israel accidently trips Elena Boyarsky as she runs laps around the fieldhouse. We're sure it was purely accidental. Bottom: Girls night out! Sarah Trilling, Kristina Tracey, Jacqueline Snowsky, and Larissa Caruceriu have a quick bite to eat at Ed Debevics.

Photo: Loreen Targos

Photo: Samantha Rosati

Othon Gomez
Emily Gonzales
Karlene Gordula
Erik Granlund
Daniel Griffin
Michael Grossman

Benjamin Grover
Edgar Guerrero
Dena-Marie Guminiak
Ethan Halevi
Ioanna Halkias
Kelly Hanaoka

Lee Handler
Sana Hayat
Megan Hayes
Molly Heineman
Stephanie Hernandez
Alexis Herron

Andrew Holmblad
Ji Hong
Flavius Horopciuc
Salman Husain
Mohammed Hussain
Bonnie Hutchinson

Photo: Sophia Harris

Left: Trying to sell a shirt to Jessica Patera, Eunice An holds it up for her. Sophomore cabinet sold "The Pack" shirts as a way to promote school spirit. Bottom: The biology class takes a walk out to the Prairie. Lopa Pandya, Ambreen Lakhani, and Sana Hayat search for bugs and unique plants.

Photo: Sophia Harris

What do you want to happen in the next two years?

"Get a girlfriend, if possible." -Boris Simovic

"Get into a good college." -Loreen Targos

"My grades to go up and my friendships stronger." -Suzanne Meyerowitz

"Get my license and rule the school." -Araxsi Biberian

"Get a job." -Lesley Kunnacherril

"Get a car and make money." -Hena Qureshi

"If I'm alive, graduate." -Chris Tirovolas

"Be smarter." -Pratik Patel

"I think the dress code should change. Some people are wearing really revealing clothes but some get in trouble for little things." -Alexandra Margolina

David Iannotti
Anthony Isaac
Faisal Ishaque
Sandra Israel
Steven Jacobs
Zishan Jaffer

Marija Jeremic
Vanessa Jeske
Michael Johanson
Harry Kakaletris
Jodi Kane
Steve Kang

Noureen Kapadia
Lia Kasios
Tony Kavukattu
Larissa Keefer
Ramina Khamo
Arshad Khan

Mohammad Khan
Benjamin Kim
Edward Kim
Grace Kim
James Kim
Joan Kim

Photo: Samantha Rosati

Photo: Courtesy of Andrea Markewych

Right: Needing a moment to rest during the crazy volleyball season, Eunice An happily lies on the hood of a Beetle. Top: Show your school spirit boys! Peter Drebos, Adrian Lovera, Andrew Vardijan, and E.J. Rouzin-Moy brave the cold Homecoming game to support the wolves.

Photo: Samantha Rosati

Left: Hey, is that Ariel? No it's Laura Phillips diving into the pool for a refreshing swim on a hot day. Bottom: Who hit these girls with a pretty stick? Samantha Rosati, Victoria Jimenez, Ioanna Halkias, and Christina Sidiropoulos pose for a quick picture during Homecoming while they run from their dates.

Photo: Courtesy of Samantha Rosati

Yooshin Kim
Michael Klein
Nicole Klemens
Kenneth Klint
Ingrid Kocjan
Patrick Kough

Garret Kozlowski
Valerie Krynski
Damian Kulikowski
Elmer Ladlad
Imran Lakada
Ambreen Lakhani

Anne Lamanna
Christopher Lamarz
Sam Lane
Nicole Large
Jessica Laub
Juan Lazo

Jenny Lee
Laura Lee
Nicholas Leevathana
James Leventis
Jon Levine
Cezar Leynes

Right: With eyes focused on her music, Lauren Silverman doesn't even take a moment to blink. Students work very hard for many months to share their music at concerts throughout the year. Bottom: The stress of sophomore year has hit Michael Lim and Elena Boyarsky. They take a few minutes out of their busy day to catch a few zzz's.

Photo: Amy Madhiwala

Photo: Root

Carli Liberti
Vjolca Lika
Michael Lim
Michael Lindahl
Tiffany Loeffler
Michael Long

Luchie Lopez
Adrian Lovera
Jarryd Loyd
Blerim Lumani
Nicole Mabus
Daniel Macsai

Amy Madhiwala
Sabrina Madrigal
Carli Magel
Jeffrey Makoutz
Nikhil Malhotra
Rey Mallari

Shaden Maniscalco
Alexandra Margolina
Waqar Markatia
Andrea Markewych
Eduardo Martinez
Matthew Massoth

Fahmida Matani
Elliott McGillivray
Anthony Meland
Gregory Mercer
Samantha Meron
Suzanne Meyerowitz

Kristina Miceli
George Michael
Patrick Miiott
Scott Mita
Mustafa Musawwir
Glynis Nagulta

Jennifer Natkin
Jenny Nejad
Joseph Nelson
Thompson Nguyen
Jennelyn Noche
Kiki Noonan

Mickey Noonan
Susan Nowak
Mark Nowakowski
Sarah Oline
Nicolette Pajda
Lauren Pantazis

Photo: Courtesy of Ioanna Haikias

Photo: Root

Photo: Amy Madhiwala

Far left: Ioanna Haikias takes a few minutes between games to act silly. She brings humor to the team at any given moment. Left: Running towards the finish line, and ahead of all his opponents, Patrick Nicodem continues to run strong. Not only is Nicodem an exceptional athlete, he is also an outstanding student. Top: "Where is my History book?" exclaims Ellen Burzak as she searches through her locker.

Right: With the ball in Michael Pantazis' hands, the Wolves have no worries. Pantazis is one of the strongest players on the sophomore team. Bottom: Finally a free mod! Sujot Gulati takes advantage of the computer lab to surf the web.

Photo: Root

Photo: Kejal Patel

Michael Pantazis
Joshua Park
Rumana Parveen
Asif Patel
Kunal Patel
Jessica Patera

Allison Peck
Adam Pedroza
Geneveve Perada
Jorge Perez
Stephanie Persaud
Lauren Perzov

Elana Petrova
Laura Phillips
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Brooke Plasencia
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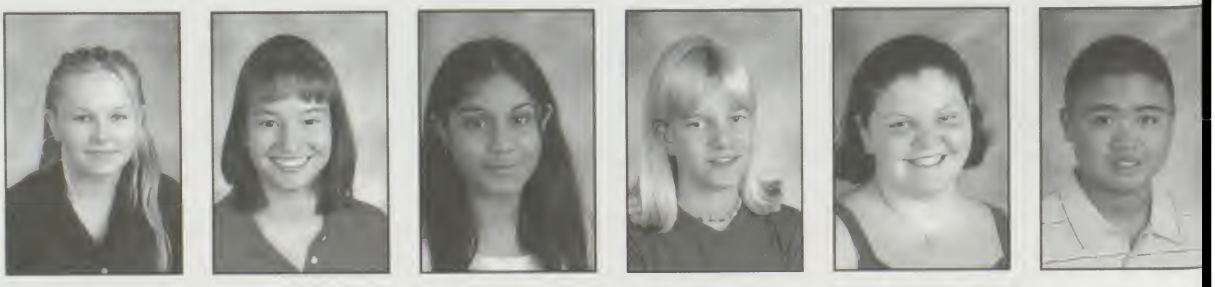
Jessica Pravnik



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Alexandra Quillen
Hena Qureshi
Kaitlynn Radtke
Jessica Rainey
Marc Ramos

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Left: Much more than just eating takes place in the cafe. David Ianotti helps Zishan Jaffer tackle his Chemistry homework. Bottom: Cheerleader Erin Donnelly shows her spirit fingers as she cheers after the boys scored a touchdown. The cheerleaders do an outstanding job at pumping up the crowd.

Photo: Root

"Eeewww... get a room!"

When asked how they feel about PDA (Public Display of Affection), sophomores have replied with answers varying from "Nasty" to PDA being a sweet way to show people like each other.

"It's all good because I would do the same." -Nathan Diaz

"It's fine. When you like a person, show it." -Elena Dimoulis

"Yea, I love it; just not too graphic." -Blaine Goldflies

"It only bothers me because I don't have anyone to show it with. Otherwise, I could care less. If people want to show they like each other, it's sweet." -Andrea Markewych

"It depends how far you take it. Kissing is one thing but having your hands all over each other... sometimes it is better off outside of school." -Samantha Rosati

"It's okay as long as you're not totally all over each other the whole time." -Kristina Tracey

"The other people around shouldn't be watching in the first place." -Michelle Siroko

Beth Rheinstrom
Christopher Rizzo
Claire Rogoski
Kristina Roman
Anastasia Romaschenko
Jarrett Room

Alejandra Rosas
Samantha Rosati
Daniel Rose
Michael Rosin
Brian Ross
Edward Rouzin-Moy

Blair Rudd
Linda Rusak
Jason Sachs
Omar Salem
Emily Saltz
Becky Sanderman

Stephanie Sanders
Greg Saraceno
Nathan Scherwinski
Amanda Schwartz
Laleen Shah
Sorabh Sharma

Photo: Loreen Targos

Photo: Courtesy of Samantha Rosati

Top: Future Coca-Cola poster boys, Nick Tarzian and Kevin Gartski, work on their poses during lunch. Keep it up boys and soon you'll be millionaires!
Right: Happy Birthday to you! Here Monica Castillo and Samantha Rosati celebrate with lots of food for Monica's birthday.

Photo: Samantha Rosati

Left: Monica Castillo and Carli Liberti show their spirited smiles before they are about to perform their routines at poms camp. The girls worked hard all summer and it has paid off. Bottom: At the first pep rally of the year, Samantha Meron stunned the crowd by singing the national anthem. Meron impressed the audience even more since she was a sophomore and usually, this is only a senior's privilege.

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Erica Shaw
Naei Shehade
Chelsea Sher
Sarah Sherry
Raymond Shilmon
Sara Siddiqui

Christina Sidiropoulos
Brandon Siena
Lauren Silverman
Boris Simovic
Amar Smajlovic
Jacqueline Snowsky

Danny Solovastru
Bhadresh Soni
Bill Souferis
Monica Stankiewicz
Mirjana Stimac
Jessica Stoneberg

Marissa Strassberger
Laura Strum
Brian Sumague
Jacqueline SzymcZak
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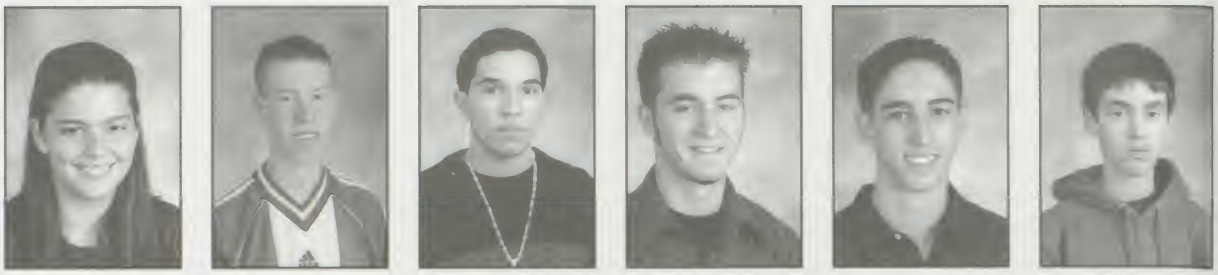

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Aimee Toren
Matthew Torres
Kristina Tracey
Andrew Trettin

Sarah Trilling
Courtney Tutt
Laura Vanderbosch
Andrew Vardijan
Jimmy Varghese
Julia Varsamis

Renee Vassiliou
Eric Vecchione
Joey Villanueva
Rachel Waddick
Paul Wagner
Robert Wand

Right: Jorge Perez attempts to clear the ball out of the goal area. The Wolves ended up beating Maine South with a score of one to zero.

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Rachel West
Daka Wiedeman
Rhiannon Wilk
Danielle Willer
Barbara Williams
Cindy Wisniewski

Eric Wollnetz
Brittany Wu
Liweza Yalda
Victoriya Yarovaya
Lisa Yee
Eddy Ymeri

Jooho Yoon
Joanna Zajac
Carlos Zarate
Zeeshan Zohaib

What's your most embarrassing moment?

"Someone found a doodle I wrote about him." -Laura Phillips

"It was the first day of practice and I was a freshman on varsity basketball. They all pulled down my pants in front of my coach." -Julia Varsamis

"Walking around with an 'AND' sign on my back at a basketball game for 10 minutes." -Sarah Oline

"I just got a new pair of shoes and I walked through the café thinking I was all cool yet I lost my balance and fell right on my butt in front of everyone." -Lauren Pantazis

"Being pushed outside after a shower wearing only a small towel when it was 10 degrees outside." -Jon Levine

"Running into a stationary ornamental deer and getting 5 stitches for it." -Bill Souferis

"When I fell down the stairs my freshman year, every single person noticed and asked if I was okay. I had to be carried off to the nurse's office." -Ellen Berzack

"When I got into a food fight with someone and he threw ketchup all over me." -Blair Rudd

Freshmen

Scapegoats of the Pack

The freshmen are the "omega" wolves, the easy targets to pick on. They generally receive the blame if something goes wrong. They're still trying to find their niche and fit into the hustle and bustle of high school life. Of course, they still have to worry about those flying copper objects.

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Zubair Adil
Benjamin Afante
Mihai Agignoae
Nausheen Ali
Shehna Ali
Melissa Alleguez

Hollis Anderson
Jessica Anderson
Emilia Antezana
Martin Arago
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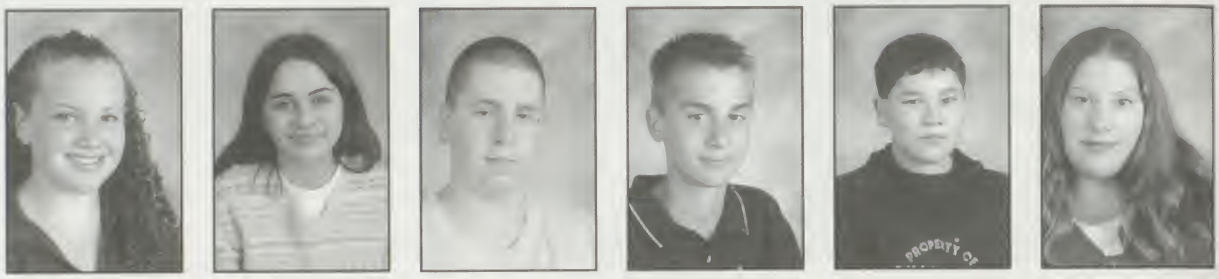

Julie Barker
Justine Barquez
Anais Barraud
Edna Barraza
Amy Bartlett
Alicia Bartz

Photo: Root

Right: Camera shy? These freshmen would rather not have their picture taken during their break.
Above: Michael Carag concentrates on playing the xylophone during the marching band's halftime performance at a football game. Marching band is just as physical and time consuming as a sport.

Photo: Kathy Crowley

Photo: Christina Crowley

Left: Gust Gianos studies for a test during lunch. Freshmen learn that sometimes lunch is for more than just eating and chit-chatting. Below: Cheers! Alan Potekin, Aleksandr Rozman, and David Salmonson raise their cans in celebration of their picture being taken for the yearbook.

Photo: Christina Crowley

Cheryl Bathan
Yevgeniya Bekker
Diana Benjamin
Alexandra Benson
Mirna Benyamin
Sana Bhakrani

Paul Bialkowski
Naomi Blevins
Phillip Bloom
Gregory Bogacz
Kathleen Bolano
Michelle Borcoman

Anne Borkowski
Vladimir Borun
Lavinlu Bosneac
Maryam Bozal
Phillip Breckler
Elizabeth Brodsky

Alex Brown
Kevin Brown
Adeline Bujdel
Maria Bura
Julian Cagadas
Selma Cantic

Right: Stephanie Scharaga, Lisa Khoshaba, Evdoxia Georgakopoulos, and Marija Puljic work hard on their homework during their Spanish class. Don't you know that homework is supposed to be done at home, not school?
Below: Jordan Rothstein, Alexandra Benson, and Nick Roeder hang out in the hallway between classes. Many students find the hallway a less chaotic alternative to the cafe.

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Michael Carag
Camilo Cardenas
Chloe Castro
Lester Chan
Alizabeth Chantharavong
Salima Charania

Margo Chervony
Johnny Chiang
Linda Chikchay
Jason Chiu
David Choi
Michael Chon

Bradley Cohn
Lee Cohn
Peter Cook
Michael Cormalleth
Elizabeth Cortez
Erica Cotton

Michael Craig
Michael Croon
Christina Crowley
Rommel Cuevo
Robina Cyriac
Jenny Dabul

Jason Dem
Zeeshan Dhanani
Ioanna Dimoulis
Marko Djordjevic
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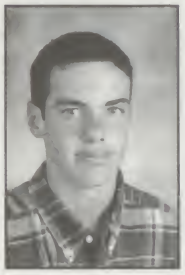

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Ivan Dvurovic
Christina Earle
Gregory Eastman
Angelica Echon
Umair Elahi

Jennifer Eramia
William Ernst
Sandi Eshoo
Max Estes
Justin Eusebio
Joanna Evangelista

Photo: Angela Kang

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Far left: Ioanna Dimoulis and Chloe Castro pose for a picture before changing for gym class. Freshmen get to experience activities in class such as swimming, gymnastics, and basketball. Left: Eric Mieri heads the ball during a soccer game. Mieri was added to the sophomore roster to become another scoring threat. Above: Nicole Nelson, Abbigale Pazik, and Jessica Kluss entertain the crowd with music from "The Mask of Zorro." All three bands participated in the closing of the concert, which showcased the strength of all the bands.

Right: Ah, the tradition of freshmen refusing to go home after school lives on. After the last bell has rung, Ryan Anantaphong and friends battle each other, breakdancing in the Hall of Honor. Below: Seniors don't throw pennies at freshmen anymore; they ask them for their lunch money. These freshmen generously donate to the bank of Euntaek Chung ('02).

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Emily Fillicetti
Kristen Fleming
Richard Foerch
Benjamin Fox
Christie Fox
Tesh Frackiewicz

Matthew Fritzshall
Julie Fry
Nicholas Gaa
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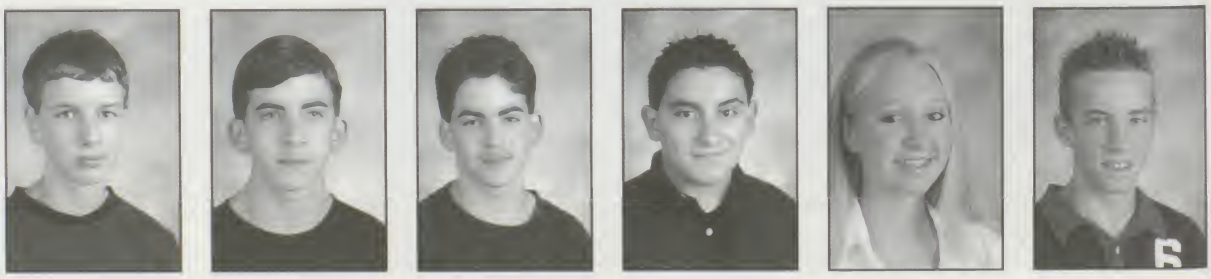

Daniel Goldfein
Adam Gomberg
Todd Gomberg
Luis Gonzalez
Hailey Granatelli
Jeffrey Greenwood

Photo: Amy Madhlwala

Left: Falling asleep in first year German class is the last thing you want to do, as you can see. Frau Jacobs teaches Tim O'Reilly a valuble lesson. Below: Laura Dugan-Levinson and Christie Fox work together in their German class. Taking a foreign language in school is a good way to learn about another culture.

Photo: Christina Crowley

How Does it Feel to be the First Freshmen Class of the Wolves?

This is the first official school year in which the Niles West mascot is the wolf. In the past decade, there has been much controversy about changing the mascot from the Indian. There have been mixed reactions among the students pertaining to the switch. Many students were opposed to the change and are still complaining about it, while many other students think that the using the Indian was politically incorrect. Although the freshmen are new to the school, some have their say about what they think:

"It's cool to be the ones to carry the name on." - Jeffrey Greenwood

"It's okay. I'd rather be the Indians." - George Dimoulis

"Proud and exciting to do something new." - Hollis Anderson

"Just like any other year of school." - Patricia Tiffin

"Pretty special." - Kara Perlen

"Not great; a long standing tradition is over." - Christopher Arends

"Bad; we should be the Indians." - Christina Crowley

"Nice. It's nice to have a 'fresh start'." - Lauren Wegner

"I think it's cool." - Borjan Kovacevic

"It feels good." - Bilal Mujtaba

"At least we are not the Fire Ants." - Monica Nunez

Teresa Guerrero
Steven Guilen
Jeffrey Hagopian
Faraz Haque
Heather Harmston
Seth Haro

Khrista Harris
Sophia Harris
Kaitlin Hartnett
Patrick Hastings
Jennifer Hedstrom
Michael Heller

Ana Hernandez
Matt Hohs
Jessica Holub
Alice Hong
Syeda Huma
Buthul Hussaini

David Huzieran
Mary Isho
Eleanor Itzkow
Natalie Jacobucci
Dana Jaremus
Christopher Johnson

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Photo: Alex Harris

Above: A confused Sean Nilipant looks up and asks, "Why are you taking my picture? How's my hair?" Intro to Computers is one class students can take to fill their one semester of Arts or Family Sciences before they graduate. Right: Gillian Ouska flashes a smirk to the camera before going to the cafe for lunch. Lunch is a great time for freshmen to hang with their friends and catch up on the day's gossip.

Left: Hey, West, get fired up! Heather Harmston cheers on her peers during a freshman basketball game. This was the first year of the freshman spirit squad, which combined dancing and cheering.
Below: Oh no! Freshmen caught in the act! Sophia Harris and Diane Teng look up in surprise while "doing" their homework.

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Photo: George Bravos

David Johnson
Benjamin Kahn
Chris Kalabogias
Sherine Kalappurayil
Priyanka Kalapurayil
Lev Kalmens

Amit Kamdar
James Kane
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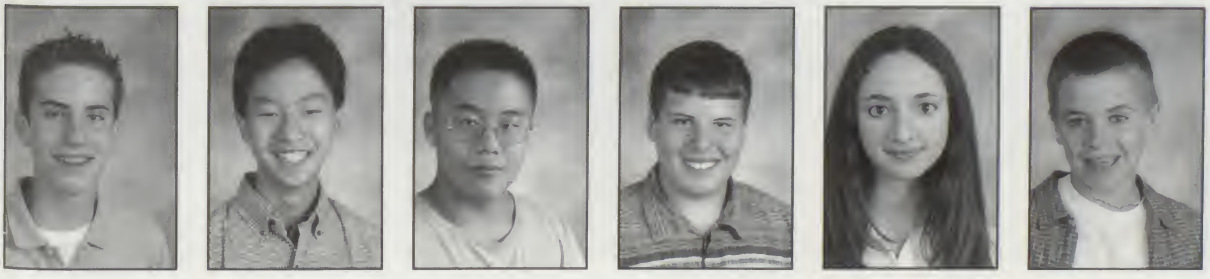


Miles Kilgallon
James Kim
Yoosoo Kim
Kristopher Kinslow
Adina Klein
Marc Klein

Below: Freshmen enjoy a guided tour of their new school. At Orientation, students learn where the cafeteria, gym, and all of their classes are located, so on the first day of school they won't get lost. Right: Can you tell that Phillip Breckler is excited about his first year in high school? Freshmen Orientation is a good time for the incoming class to learn all about their new school.

Photo: Alex Harris

Jean Klos
Jessica Kluss
Jonathon Kollath
Dino Konstantellos
Laura Kopinski
Derek Korzun

Kim Kotsovos
Borjan Kovacevic
Timothy Kreusch
Richard Krueger
Jonathan Kurinsky
Lois Kwon

Adil Lakhani
Sabrina Lakhani
Shehzad Lakhani
Sarah Lamanna
Syed Lateef
Christopher Lee

Grace Lee
Joan Lee
Lia Lehrer
Lindsey Lerner
Molly Levine
Christopher Lewallen

Kenneth Leyba
Senada Lika
Linda Lim
Jonathan Limjoco
Jack Littwin
Sarah Lockwood

Maham Lodhi
Jorge Lopez
Sandy MacHugin
Thomas Maddex
Brad Maggi
Violet Magiera

Max Maksimovic
Maura Malartsik
Neda Malik
Kathleen Malooly
Mark Mangoba
Nieman Manzanero

Gil Marino
Tincy Maroor
Alan Martinez
Ian Masterton
Samantha Mathis
Christine May

Photo: Root

Photo: Sophia Harris

Photo: Amy Madhiwala

Far left: Bump, Set, Spike! Malori Peters gets ready to serve the ball over the net. Volleyball is one of the more popular sports that freshmen join every year. Left: The King of Pop--or not? Alexandra Benson takes some time to "bust a move" one Friday after school. Many freshmen enjoy staying at school when the 2:45 bell rings, instead of going home. Above: Playing "knockout" is one of the highlights of freshmen gym class. At least it is for those who take it seriously.

Right: Julian Cagadas and Omar Khan converse during their first year Spanish class. Hola! Como estas? Below: Awww, how cute, a Beanie Baby! Christie Fox and Julie Fry are happy to know that Anneliese Opfer likes her Christmas present.

Photo: Alex Harris

Photo: Amy Madhiwala

Melissa Mazur
Christopher McKinney
Ryan McMahon
Stephanie Medrano
Eric Meirl
Elizabeth Messer

Zachary Messer
Louis Micula
Ben Miles
Catherine Millan
Kristin Miller
Paul Min

Jennifer Miyagawa
Setareh Moallem
Nabeela Mohsen
Raymond Mok
Nala Moshi
Nina Moushi

Murtaza Musawwir
Sandor Nagyivan
Nicole Nejati
Nicole Nelson
Samantha Nelson
Emil Nicolasin III

Photo: Christina Crowley

Left: Elizabeth Brodsky and Karalyn O'Brien work together in order to get their work done. Many students find working together a faster way of finishing their assignments. Below: Mary Isho looks through last year's yearbook and tries to see how many people she knows. Little does she know that in her first high school yearbook, she will be featured on one of the pages.

Photo: Alex Harris

What's the Worst Thing that an Upperclassman Did to You?

Most freshmen have new school jitters as they enter Niles West on the first day in August. There are so many rumors of how the seniors beat up the freshmen and so on, that the freshmen really don't know what to expect. Of course the upperclassmen are going to be a little rough at first, but one day the current freshmen will be seniors, and will be doing the same thing to their underclassmen. Here are some examples of seniors showing their superiority over freshmen:

"Someone tripped me in the hallway." - Aleksandr Fridlyand

"Cut me in line for the vending machine and said it was just because I was a freshman." - Nanci Saraceno

"Threw pennies at me and yelled FRESHMAN down the hall." - Laura Dugan-Levinson

"They haven't done anything to me because I look like a junior." - Amanda Park

"Screamed out in the middle of study hall: 'No, I won't go out with you!'" - Monica Nunez

"At a football game, someone threw a penny and it went down my friend's shirt." - Amy Bartlett

"Tried to take my money." - Thomas Maddex

"At pep rallies, all the seniors yelled 'Go Home Freshmen' and threw pennies at us." - Karalyn O'Brien

"Tried to make me sing." - Christopher Arends

Marcin Niedzielski
Sean Nilapant
Robert Nowocin
Monica Nunez
Karalyn O'Brien
Tim O'Reilly

Sead Odzic
Daniela Ojeda
Michael Olsen
Sean Omar
Anneliese Opfer
Gillian Ouska

Chantelle Padilla
Emmanuel Palma
Virginia Palmer
Yvonne Palmer
Anita Panjwani
Heather Pappas

Amanda Park
Sang Chal Park
Stephen Park
Chandni Patel
Joel Patel
Swati Patel

Abbigale Pazik
Kemal Pekovic

Brian Perez
Kara Perlen

Right: $2x+5=9$? What's the square root of 25? Math is so confusing! This freshman algebra class attempts to learn the wondrous ways of numbers, but would probably rather be at lunch.

Photo: Amy Madhiwala

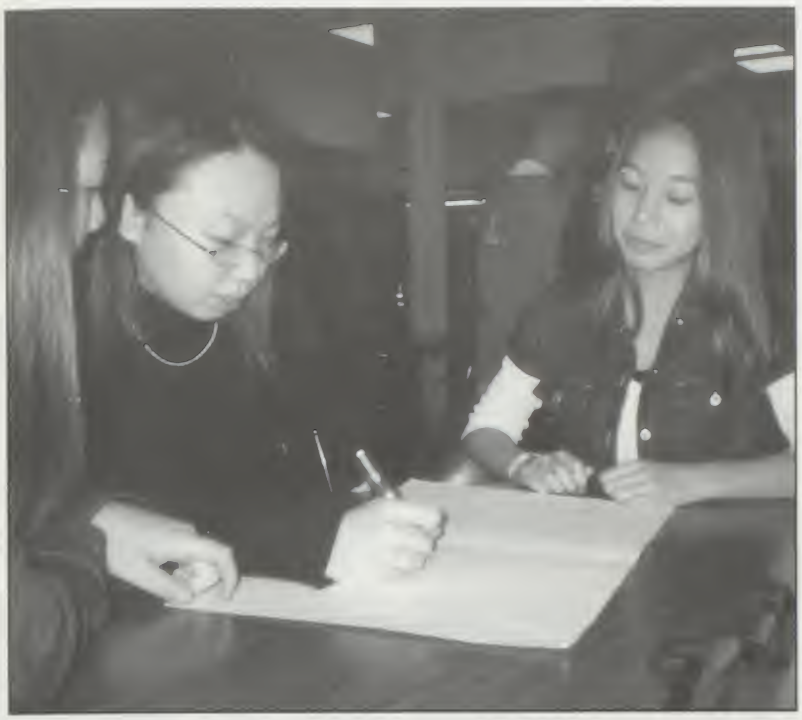


Photo: Amy Madhiwala

Left: Linda Lim and Catherine Millan find time at break to complete some extra homework. For Lim, extra time is always good, since her lunchtime is interrupted by Cabinet meetings twice a week. Below: Monica Yancy makes the most of her extra class time by completing her Spanish homework. Freshmen have it so easy, don't they?

Photo: Alex Harris

Sarah Perlmuter
Theresa Persaud
David Petrovic
Dmitriy Pikovskiy
Laura Pisula
Jessica Piala

Ananth Prabhu
Christina Puric
Maryam Quadri
Farheen Quraishi
Yasmeen Qureshi
Usha Rajbhandari

Richard Ramos
Douglas Roberts
Nick Roeder
Rebecca Roeder
Jeraline Rosario
Daniel Rosenthal

Jordan Rothstein
Jacob Rukin
Laura Rzewnicki
Alex Sacha
Jill Sadur
Kimberly Salaksana

David Salmonson
Samantha Sander
Samantha Sanders
Elliott Sang
Dean Santarinala
Nanci Saraceno

Claritess Sarangay
Ian Sato
Matthew Schaab
Kimberleigh Schaldach
Marissa Schiff
Laura Schoephoester

Jeremy Schwartz
Benjamin Shabad
Eram Shakeel
Pavel Shchukin
Syema Sheikh
Aakruti Sheth

Janet Shiheiber
Natasha Shino
Tamara Shiyapintokh
Shan Siddique
Jordan Simon
Heather Slepawic

Mariya Smaha
Mariel Snyder
Tim Sojka
Elizabeth Solaka
Alice Son
Melvin Stanislaus

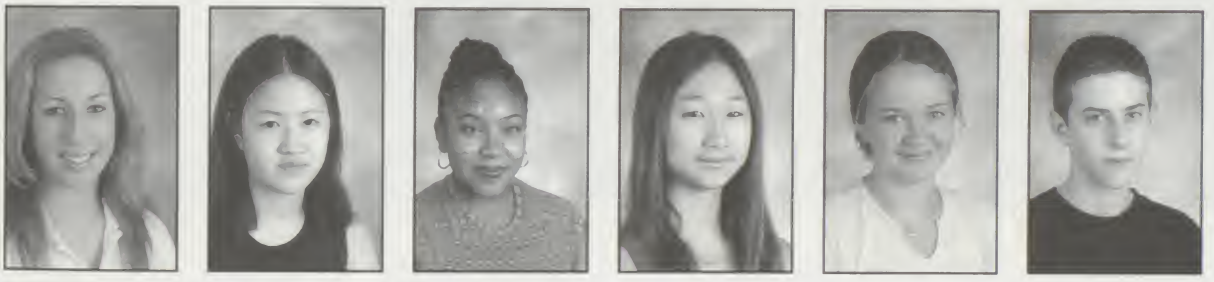
Elizabeth Stephens
Hailee Sullivan
Azam Tai
Ron Tain
Diane Teng
Jeffrey Theefs

Patricia Tiffin
Anastasia Tirovolas
Panagiota Tollopoulos
Nikoleta Toumpis
Anna Toupitsyna
Chris Toy

Elizabeth Trettin
Ronald Trinh
Georgia Tsiabas
Sin Ying Tsui
Marina Urosevic
Steve Vanderporten

Lindsey Vecchione
Luke Villano
Christopher Villaraza
Samira Virani
Darko Vlaskovic
Joseph Wattenbarger

Lauren Wegner
Elizabeth Welch
Lisa Wickert
Bart Williams
Carolynn Witt
Karen Wolf



Emilee Wolinetz
Diana Wong
Monica Yancy
Jacqueline Yang
Alena Yarovaya
Nathan Yarrow

Katie Yee
Peter Yoon
Alyssa Zeller
Jimmy Zhu
Mladen Zivkovic
Zachary Zuckerman

Staff and Academics

Teach the young

Not only do wolves spend their time hunting and playing, it is the responsibility of the elder wolves to teach the young. Our fine group of faculty members provides us with the best learning experiences that will remain with us for a long time.

Photo: Alex Harris

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Stacy Albrecht
Ann Alegnani
Jodi Anderson
Jean Attig

Phyllis Axon
Maureen Azcoitia
Paula Bachman
Heidi Baran

Peggy Bassrawi
Michael Belleau
Happi Bills
Kelvn Bond

Arlene Bracken
Kathleen Brandes

George Bravos
Joe Brennan

Bonnie Brenner
Barry Brodsky

Photo: Ashlee Christian

Photo: Courtesy of Ms. Fugiel.

"Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!" The halls of Niles West are filled with relentless predators of the jungle...teachers. They prowl the campus looking for unsuspecting victims. Ms. Fugiel thinks that the King of the Jungle best represents her. It's no coincidence that the track coach, Mr. Medland (below), uses a cheetah to represent him, his speed, and his agility. Teachers have certain personalities that connect them with different animals. Below, where would we all be without the sly and mysterious workings of Dean "Wolfy" Erickson? (Most likely not in detention!)

--Ashlee Christian

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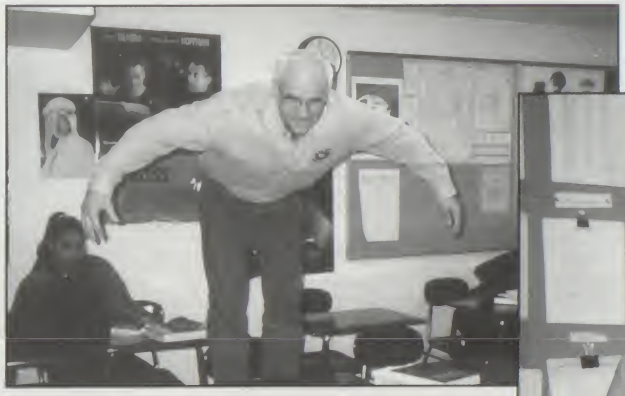

Photo: Ashlee Christian

Above: How does Mr. Carr stand being confined within his classroom? He thinks about how bald eagles, such as himself, can spend the weekend roaming the world with no limits. Right: We've discovered that athletic directors go bananas in their free time. Smiling with his furry friend, Mr. Heuerman imitates one of the smartest animals alive.

Above: On a regular day at the zoo, Ben Grais imitates the Gateway Computer cow.

Photo: Ashlee Christian

Photo: Root

"I learned a lot from working with the Special Ed Department. Helping out during classes has inspired me to become a Special Ed teacher."

--Jennifer King ('02)

"The ladies in the IRC are very helpful to students when they need to find certain books for projects and papers."

--Catherine Tragas ('02)

Photo: Angela King

Lynn Buell
Keryl Carter
Seema Chandarana

Shelley Chipkin
Brett Clish
Phyllis Coleman

Joetta Costello
Carol Dammrich
Colleen Davis

Emily De Guzman
Richard Decoster
Dana Desjardins

Barbara Drachenberg
Lisa Dunham

Above: Chris Schwarz and Scott Ackman, along with their fathers, met veteran Al Spoonheimer on a World War II tour of Normandy Beach in France. The trip also included visits to other locations where battles took place during World War II. Right: Devoted instructor Bill Koch shows off his tan. He didn't have to go anywhere exotic; he spent every day outside practicing with the Marching Band.

Photo: Courtesy of Brian "Doc" Katzman.

Photo: Courtesy of Mr. Schwarz.

Photo: Courtesy of Ms. Fugiel.

Photo: Root

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Top: Athletic trainer during the school year, visitor of foreign lands during the summer--on his trip to Scotland, Brian "Doc" Katzman poses in front of Abbotsford House, home to the poet Robert Burns. Middle: Taking a break, Ms. Fugiel stops for a quick picture while walking along the Great Wall of China. She disproves the theory that it isn't possible for a human being to walk from one side of the wall to the other. Bottom: For Coach Mark Egofske, there is no such thing as a break. All throughout the year, Egofske spends his time outside, practicing with his football and track teams.

"Leading gym classes has opened great opportunities for me. The physical education teachers have taught me lessons such as how to guide others in a positive way. It's rewarding when you help someone and are a part of them achieving their goal."

--Matt Olchawa ('02)

Photos: Alex Harris

Joseph Edwards
Mark Egofske
Kimberly Eisenhut

Phyllis Ellis
G. Erickson
Nancy Erickson

Mario Faso
Susan Feuerstadt
Carol Fitz Henry

Pam Foerch
Howard Fogel
Alexa Forman

Dorothy Fugiel
Lynette Galvez

Above: Here we see how teachers such as Ms. Davis invest part of their salary into her "bumpin" new ride. Right: This Honda Civic is perfect for Ms. "Petite" Padilla. It's the perfect combination of small and compact.

Photo: Katie Kritikos

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Top: Ooh, it's the mystery car. Kids want it, teachers claim it, but whose is it really? Middle: Makes 5? Teachers reflect their humor and personality even on their license plate. Bottom: This Jeep is perfect for driving through the mountains in the Niles West parking lot!

"Even though history can be boring at times, the teachers make a point to teach us how not to repeat the mistakes of the past."

--Roma Bavar ('03)

Photo: Alex Harris

Roger Garcia
Ryan Geu
Barbara Giannelli

Jan Gilliono
Ruth Gleicher
Lisa Gotkin

Sally Graham
Ron Gralewski
Nathan Gray

Steve Grossman
Marie Grunst
Garry Gustafson

Laurie Hall
Patricia Harn-Moir

The only people on their feet more than teachers are possibly doctors and nurses; however, they don't need to worry about fashion--those white nurse shoes are killers! Teachers, though, need to provide their students with as many things to make fun of as possible--hence, the shoe parade! The most popular brands among the staff and faculty at Niles West include Nine West, New Balance, Keds, Earth Shoes, Birkenstock, and Steve Madden. Go ahead, guys, and make fun!

--Angela Kang

Answers: 1. Mr. Schwarz. 2. Mr. Bond. 3. Ms. Brenner. 4. Mrs. Goodfriend. 5. Mr. Macejak. 6. Mrs. Weatherington. 7. Ms. Protus. 8. Mrs. Hesser. 9. Mr. Slife. 10. Ms. Jaffey. 11.Ms. Eisenberg. 12. Mr. Neumeyer (he doesn't wear shoes in class!).All photos by Jenny Allen.

"All the English teachers seem concerned about their students on more than just an academic level. Most of my mentors during high school have come from this specific department."

--Christine Gloriosa ('02)

Photos: Alex Harris

Teresa Hatch
Carmela Heintzelman
Anne Heselton

Sarell Hesser
Michele Hettinger
Steve Heuerman

Dan Horyn
Wileen Hsing
Paul Hunt

Dawn Jacobs
Andrew Johnson
Cathy Johnson

Glenn Jurek
Jane Jurek

Above: Mindy Slutzky likes spending quality time with her dog, Bourbon. Bourbon was a gift from her husband. Right: Michael Conroy's dog, Milton, often likes frolicking around in the fluffy white snow; if he didn't have any black, he might just blend in.

Photo: Courtesy of Mindy Stuzby.

Photo: Courtesy of Pat Stone.

Photo: Courtesy of Kaine Osburn.

Photo: Courtesy of Cindy Protus.

Photo: Courtesy of Michael Conroy.

Top: Given the nature of her job, it's a safe bet that Oskar gets bedtime stories read to him by his keeper, Pat Stone. Middle: Kaine Osburn loves his kids, I mean dogs, so much that he took them in to get these pictures taken professionally. Bottom: Only on special occasions like birthday parties does Cindy Protus let her dog eat cake. She wouldn't want to spoil her!

"All the science teachers are really funny but their tests aren't! They give their students a good time in class but make sure we learn at the same time."
--Steve Kang ('04)

Photo: Angela Kang

Erick Kaiser
Dana Kantor
Charlene Karachun

Luisa Karimighovanloo
Steven Katz
Brian Katzman

Rita Kay
Amy Kaye
Janet Kelsey

Joellen Kerwin
Marcia Kiraly
David Klingenberger

Tony Konsewicz
Judith Koziatek-Hosp

Above: The students at Niles West get a taste of the circus even in the halls! Taking a break from drawing his perfect circles and teaching classes, Mr. Miller rides his unicycle down the halls, waving at students in classrooms!

Photo: Angela Kang

Photo: Ashlee Christian

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Photo: Courtesy of Mindy Slutzky

Top: Lately, the American flag has become an important symbol for the students and faculty at Niles West. Trying to make himself an important symbol as well, Matt Weatherington shows off his skill of being the best human flag a man can be! Middle: Not only can she put both legs behind her head, Sharon Swanson is the master of human tripods. Bottom: Two, four, six, eight who do we appreciate? Mindy Slutzky shows that coaches do know what they're talking about when they give their teams and squads their pep talks.

Jennifer Krueger
James Krzeminski
Kelly Kyle
Amber Lange

Teri Langston
Evelyn Lauer
David Lee
Stephanie Lee

Marla Levitan
Michele Lewis
Dena Lichterman
Martha Lietz

Keith MacDonald
Jason Macejak

David Malatesta
Nancy Maloney

Annette Mel
Tom Meskel

Photo: Katie Kriticos

Imagine yourself in high school for 30 years. That's how long most of this year's retiring teachers have been teaching at Niles West. They are always working hard to make sure their students receive the best education possible. Teachers have a tremendous impact and teach us things that will be forever in our minds. This year, twelve of our fellow teachers will be retiring. They will be greatly missed by both teachers and students. These teachers are caring, supportive, and have not only been great teachers but great friends, helping students with class work and other problems. Thank you for all the years you have been part of this school and teaching us.

The following teachers have been with District 219 for many years: Pat Savage (33), Rita Kay (33), Ron Gralewski (29), Todd DvoraK (35), Maria Cowan (26), Patrick Flynn (33), Glenn Jurek (33), Dottie Fugiel (33), David Lee (29), Tom Meyer (17), Michaela Rowland (33), David Solovy (33).

-- Katie Kriticos

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Above: Dazed and confused, Patrick Flynn sits and reflects on all his days while reminded about how long he has been teaching. His upbeat way of teaching is what his students, for many years, have enjoyed about Flynn. He will be hard to replace, and truly is a one of a kind English teacher. Right: French teacher Marla Cowan smiles brightly for a quick snap during one of her quick breaks. Her students will remember her for her happy attitude and how great a teacher she was.

Photo: Katie Kriticos

"Sometimes students don't realize how important the lessons teachers teach us are. I know this year's retiring teachers will be greatly missed and just wanted to say that sometimes we students don't know what we've got until it's gone."

--Samantha Rosati ('04)

"Gym teachers and coaches teach us lessons that we sometimes can't learn in the classroom. We're taught how to excel in sports, teamwork, and cooperation."
--Charles Lambropoulos ('03)

Photos: Root

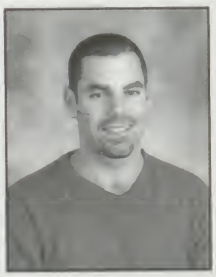
Lou Metallo
R. Meyer
Michael Meyers

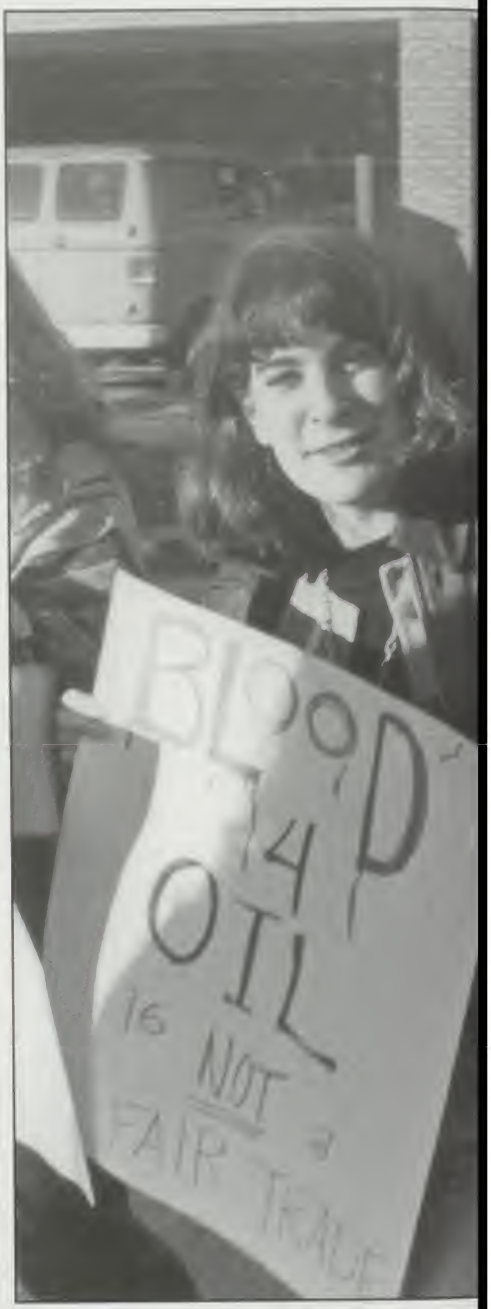
Sharon Mikula
Paula Miller
Tim Miller

Yvonne Miller
Natalie Moscovitch
Lesile Natzke

Josef Neumayer
Robert Nortillo
Bob O'Brien

Judith Park
Luke Pavone





Above: Teachers at West work hard to influence students, not only to do well in school, but to stand up for what they believe in. Aside from teaching English, you can catch Dena Lichterman at rallies and protests. Right: Who says pep assemblies are only for the student body? Here, teachers sit back and let loose a few smiles while watching Ryan Pollyea's ('02) movie during an assembly.

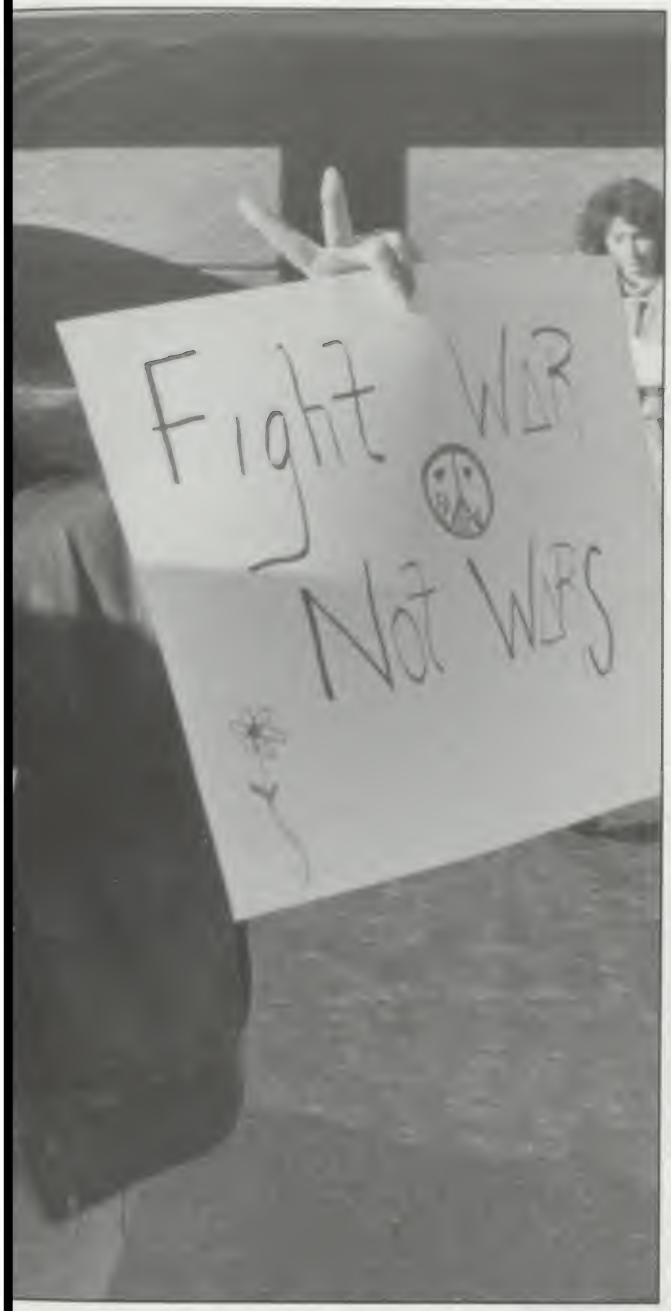


Photo: Courtesy of Dana Lichterman.

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Photo: Angela Kung

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Top: Teachers often sacrifice their lunch mods and their free mods to help their students. Here, Amber Lange forgets about her delicious lunch from the cafeteria to help one of her students with math. Middle: It's funny how teachers can joke around, even when they are under pressure. Making final preparations before the Homecoming pep assembly, Mindy Slutzky, Mark Wilson, and Bob O'Brien have a few smiles. Bottom: It's no wonder students love German. They get a taste of German music, German dances, and even flying pigs!

"Despite Mr. Osburn's attempt to be blonde and beautiful, something is missing in the translation."
--Sharon Swanson on Mr. Osburn's crossdressing attempts

Photos: Root

Susan Pellicano
Mary Perry
Amy Pickering

Cindy Protus-Edelstein
Evie Raffanti
Elizabeth Ramseyer

Stephen Ramseyer
Lynne Rauser
Phyllis Rieman

Helen Rifkin
Mark Rigby
Maria Rivas

John Rocco
Paul Rojas

Above: Taking a break from their filming careers, Roger Stein smiles in his "nerd" outfit next to "Officer" Mark Rigby. These two participated in a skit to show how messy the cafeteria becomes when students don't clean up after themselves. Right: "We're going to party like it's 1999." Even though there isn't a song for 2002, Heidi Baran always takes advantage of an excuse to dress funky!

Photo: Angela Kang

Photo: Courtesy of Heidi Baran.

Photo: Angela Kang

Photo: Katie Kirkicos

Photo: Root

Top: "Only you can prevent forest fires." While teaching his students, Mr. Weatherington, in his fire fighter getup, stares out the window for possible fires in the Niles West prairie. Middle: The black book bag and the plaid pea coat offer the perfect contrast for Ms. Hesser who unites fashions from both the student and teacher worlds. Bottom: He teachers, he coaches, and models? Fighting to keep warm, Mr. Schwarz uses the soccer field as his runway to stylishly show off his Niles West gear.

"The foreign language department always has creative and innovative ways for their students to understand and learn new languages. It's a whole new style other than what we had in grade school."

-- Mark Tkaczuk ('04)

Photo: Courtesy of Mark Tkaczuk.

Daniel Rusk
Carolyn Sanchez
Patrick Savage

Jason Schmitt
Lynne Scholpp
Anthony Serafini

Laurie Shapiro
Angela Sideris
Jenifer Sinnick

Mindy Slutzky
Celeste Smith
Jacqui Smith

David Solovy
Beverly Sporina

Every morning when students peel themselves out of bed and prepare for school, there's only one thing on their minds: their lovely teachers' smiling faces. Usually teachers are extremely happy people; I'm sure many of us have sat in class, admiring the great smiles our teachers have. Their photogenic grins may have been acquired through years of laughing at students' endless shenannigans and sometimes inventive homework excuses. At any rate, teachers are funny, smiling people. It's always comforting to see a teacher with a happy, smiling face instead of a face of impending doom!

--Ashlee Christian

Answers: 1. Mr. Belleau. 2. Dean Johnson. 3. Ms. Maloney. 4. Mrs. Hesser. 5. Mr. Rowland. 6. Mr. Swider. 7. Mr. Schwarz. 8. Mr. Tucker. 9. Mrs. Gleicher. 10. Mr. Klingenberger. 11. Mr. Bond. All photos by Ashlee Christian.

"My favorite teachers are those who don't just care about what you are supposed to learn in class, but the ones who also care about you as a person."
--Marissa Spitz ('02)

Photos: Root

Roger Stein
Mitch Stern
Pat Stone

Marilyn Stopek
Sharon Swanson
Penny Swartz

Robin Taxman
Louis Torres
Karen Trachsel

Becky Tuecke
Joyce Van Alstin
Dan Vander Jeugdt

Jared Vickers
Chris Vivone

Photo: Beeta Azamoosh

Photo: Ashlee Christian

Photo: Courtesy of Michael Conroy.

Photo: Angela Kang

Photo: Alex Harris

Since every yearbook has its share of funky pictures, we thought we'd randomly share some with you. Have you any idea why these particular pictures are on this particular page?

"In my four years at West, I've had teachers who are extremely educated and they thrive on seeing their students succeed. I'm very fortunate to have had a chance to be taught by these teachers who have supported me in everything I've done."

--Alex Harris ('02)

Photo: Root

Jeanne Walshon

Eileen Walvoord

Elizabeth Watkins

Jody Weatherington

Matthew Weatherington

Monica Weitzel

Judy Wheatman

Denise Whitefield

Brad Wilson

Mark Wilson

Bryan Wittershelm

Khanna Youkhana

Tom Zera

photo - Ashlee Christian

Cartoon: Ashlee Christian

Photo: Ashlee Christian

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Above: Kaine Osburn and Michelle Hettinger, tallest/ shortest in English dept. Middle: Eric Lueder and Kay Coughlin are tallest/ shortest CVE/CDE teachers. Left: Pam Foerch and Teri Langston are tallest/ shortest in the P.E. dept. Far Left: Chris Barnett and Susan Padilla, tallest/ shortest in Science dept.

Arts
Voice Your Feelings

Although humans perceive the wolf as a creature who constantly snarls, snaps, lurches, and attacks, they have other means of expression. Through the arts, students voice feelings through singing, acting, writing, and dancing.

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The Band Played On

and on, and on, and on...

Music is something we all listen to; enjoyment is what it's all about. Students in Band, however, not only listen to music; they also get to create it.

"I joined Band because I had always thought that playing an instrument would be exciting. I thought it would be cool to be able to play the music I heard on the radio," said Marissa Strassberger ('04).

The Band Board Officers of this year are Kary Zarate ('02), Paul Hahn ('02), Anastacia Romashenko ('04), Jamal Salem ('02), Lisa Miszczyszyn ('03), Corey Nelson ('02), and Lauren Silverman ('04). These important members have the job of organizing and keeping track of fund-raising, keeping the band website up to date, keeping an inventory of all instruments, and filing music in the band directory.

The people in Band have gone to many different places to perform or to watch others, among them Indianapolis, Florida, and to the Mall of America. Also when you are in band, you get to meet so many new people. As Jamal Salem ('02) says, "I have been in Band for four years and have stuck with it because it is fun. Also, all of the trips and practices bonds you with many people. I have made long lasting friendships and memorable experiences."

--Samantha Rosati and
Amy Madhiwala

Photo: Amy Madhiwala

Kary Zarate ('02) plays the French horn and it's music to our ears. "I started Band in fourth grade and I have continued with it because I have met my best friends through it."

Symphonic Wind Esemble- Front: Ak Paramadilok, Vidhi Raval, Ashleigh Bushman, Jenna Kaferly, Melissa Motel. Sharon Wolf, Eileen Ouska, Jamal Salem, Jamie Willis, Kristin Guiang, Joanne Kim Second: Alex Meng, Mitchell Kato, Karen Benetatos, Emily Scheler, Hannah Rutzen, Micheal Lehrer, Alexandra Corcoran, Shelly Abraham, Joan Ahn, Andrew Kim, Christina Puzzo Third: Paul Hahn, Robert Yavitch, Edward Paramadilok, Rebecca Zavelovich, James Bartholomew, Lisa Miszczyszyn, Lorraine Ishida, Kate Edelson, Elizabeth Leisner, David Perzov, Kary Zarate Back: Daniel Dem, Leonid Kogan, Rajan Shah, James Drachenberg, Cory Nelson, Robert Kroiccyk, Todd Kane, Sebastian Danilowski, Mike Hua, Eric Shine, Ryan Goyal, David Dorband, Kristopher Ahrens

Symphonic Band- Front: Anna Choi, Matvey Kostyukovskiy, Lauren Silverman, Benjamin Grover, Beth Gelfand, Steven Dogiakos, Christina Ahn, Megan Burns, Eun B. Jeon, Shira Calamard Second: Bowen Chow, Monique Murphy, Vanessa Jeske, Sadaf Khan, Marissa Strassberger, Jori Glassner, Adrian Briones, Andrew Jatico, Lauren Perzov, Emily Saltz, Sarah Sherry Third: Joseph Alvaz, Sam Berkman, Karlene Gordula, Eric Courtney, Adrian Lovera, Alex Tejeda, Joshua Manego, Rick Costabile, John Moon, David Van Roeyen-Warda, Alex Buc Back: Jason Bamaung, Jodi Kane, Peter Ellyin, Anthony Vigneri, Nik Emerson, Jarrett Room, Ethan Lander, Anastacia Romaschenko, David Terdich, Cindy Wisniewski, Aaron Kahn, Brandon Siena

Concert Band- Front: Farheen Quraishi, Todd Gomberg, Jessica Kluss, Abbigale Pazik, Johnathon Kurinsky, Heather Garity, Sylvia Lee, Maham Lodhi, Linda Lim, Joan Lee, Adeline Bujei, Jenny Lee, Carolynn Witt Second: Adam Gomberg, Daniel Rosenthal, Lia Lehrer, Paul Min, Justin Flores, Laura Kopinski, Ashley Kennedy, Yevgeniya Bekkets, Micheal Kim, Dana Jaremus, Claire Chang, Steven Gullen Third: Patrick Perez, Benjamin Fox, Julie Chang, Nicole Nelson, Choloe Castro, Sophia Harris, Timothy Krevsch, Melvin Stanislaus, Caroline Baffes, Kristopher Kinslow, Richard Ramos, Bradley Cohn Back: Rashard Mendenhall, Greg Dorband, Colin Stone, Michael Olsen, Justin Eusebio, William Ernest, Chris Toy, Michael Craig, Matthew Bandemer, Thomas Maddex, Matthew Korajczyk, Michael Carag, James Kim

Kristin Guiang ('03) and Joanne Kim ('02) display their musical talent as they play their flutes during Band practice. "I have been playing the flute for eight years and I started in fourth grade because it was the 'cool' thing to do," commented Guiang. "One of my favorite memories was when someone I played the flute with fell off her chair out of nowhere while we were on stage. It was the funniest thing I have ever seen."

And All
That Jazz!

Marching Band has participated in many competitions this year. "The Mask of Zorro" was the theme of the show and music from the movie was played during halftime at football games. A lot of dedication and practice from the members of the band make perfection possible.

The Jazz Band is comprised of twenty members who have been invited to join. They practice two nights a week, and have had twelve performances this year. Pop 'N Rock is the pep band that plays at pep assemblies and basketball games. Popular, fun music is played to entertain the fans and students.

At football games, basketball games, and assemblies, many students make fun of the band or don't seem to listen to the music they play. "We're not really admired, but they listen. One of the varsity teams asked us not to play at their games last year. We were disappointed, but continued to play at the other teams' games," stated Pop 'N Rock member Elizabeth Leisner. It's hard for people that have never been in band to understand, appreciate, and respect music, and the enjoyment it's meant to give to people. Despite being called "band nerds," the students in Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Pop 'N Rock enjoy what they do, and play because it's what they love to do.

-- Marissa Spitz

Photo: Root

"Boola boola we got the groove!" The Niles West drumline prepares to perform at the opening fall assembly. Having a good drumline is key for a successful marching band.

Left: This group of flute players performs with style during the halftime show at a football game. This year, the theme of the show was "The Mask of Zorro." Below: Sarah Sherry ('05) displays her musical abilities during the Marching Band's halftime show.

Photo: Root

Left: Cory Nelson ('02) plays his saxaphone with the Jazz Band during the winter concert. "I think the 'band nerd' mentality still exists today. 'American Pie' didn't really help our image either," stated Nelson.

Photo: Root

Notes from the Heart

Do, Re, Mi...

Music touches people's hearts and emotions. At times, it can give us chills, bring a smile to our faces, and make us cry. Singing is a form of expression. It gives people a chance to express who they are and how they feel. This is one reason why people are drawn to choir and sing their hearts out.

In any of the four Niles West choirs, lovers of singing will always be found. The choir program is filled with those who want to improve their skills, plan to pursue a career in music, or just enjoy singing. During class, students rehearse songs for concerts as well as work on skills and theory. Great teamwork and cooperation are needed for singers to blend in perfect harmony.

Concerts are exhilarating experiences for the audience, performers, and even the director. Paula Bachman, the Niles West Director of Choirs of eight years, comments, "I used to get nervous a number of years ago. Now, I feel excited and very hopeful and try to be the voice of calm. It's amazing what adrenaline helps one accomplish!" If the director is nervous, imagine what is running through the minds of the singers. Yet after the performance, everyone is gratified and proud, hearing the long, loud applause from the audience.

At this year's Homecoming Assembly, Master Singers sang 'America the Beautiful' in reflection of the World Trade Center tragedy on September 11, 2001. Students and faculty realized how blessed they are and were left with tears in their eyes. Touching people by the sincerity and beauty of the song is what music can do.

--Brenda Teruel

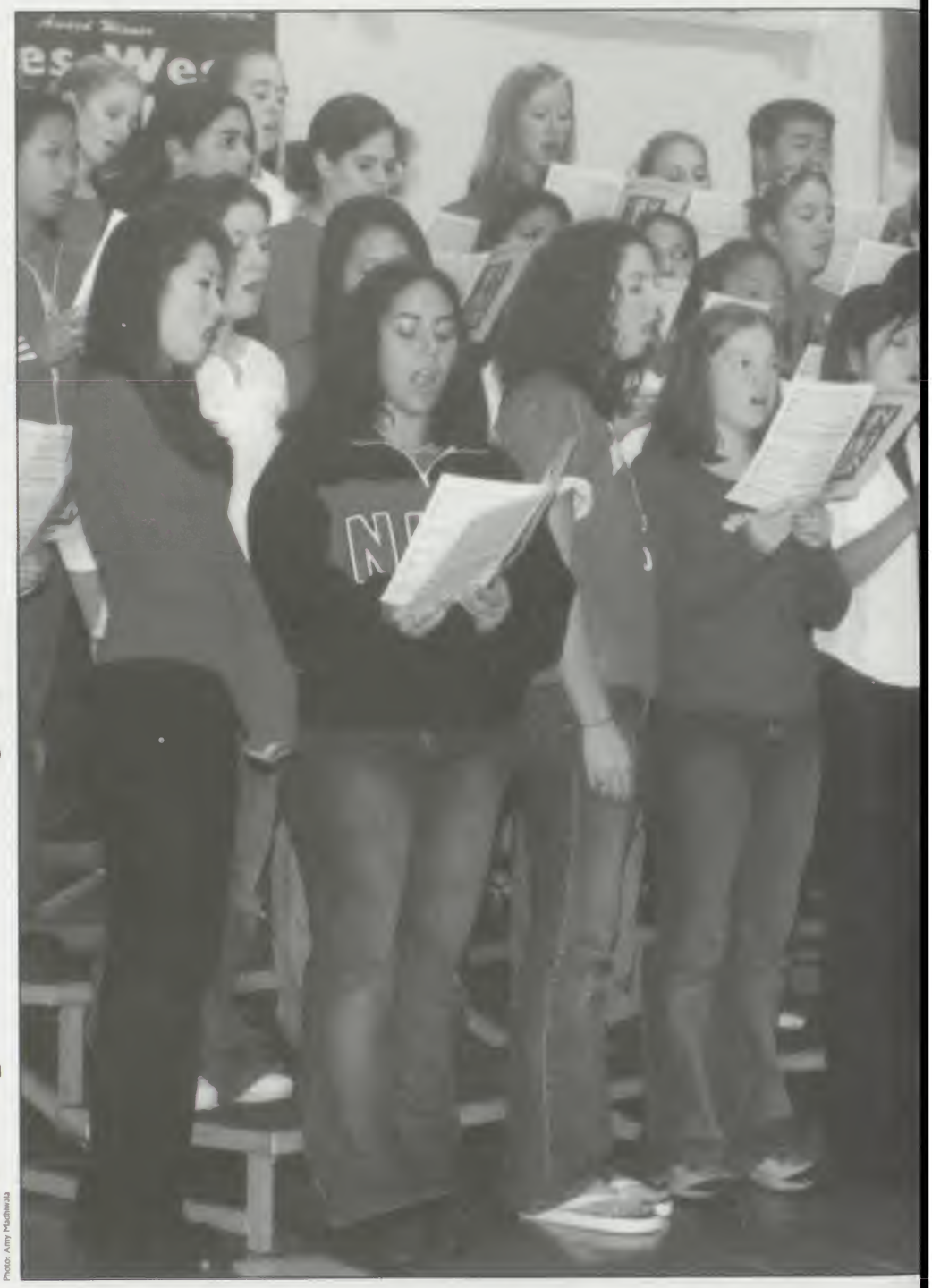

Photo: Amy Madlewska

The September 11 tragedy had a great impact on the U.S. At the Homecoming assembly, Master Singers touched our hearts as they sang 'America the Beautiful' in reflection of that day. "A song like 'America the Beautiful' brought pride among our student body. You can feel that even for that short instant, everyone came together as one and felt very close to each other," remembers Alina Mazurenko ('02)

Chorallers- Front: Luke Villano, Peri Kepraios, Yasmeeen Qureshi, Lindsey Lerner, Jennifer Hedstrom Samantha Mathis, Catherine Millan, Juan Juarez, Seth Haro 2nd: Laura Dugan-Levinson, Christina Crowley, Belicia Garcia, Terri Atienza, Diana Wong, Stephen Park, Teresa Guerrero, Douglas Roberts, Sorabh Sharma, Joseph Wattenbarger Back: Christina Earle, Kristin Miller, Sarah Lockwood, Kinga Kusek, Nikoleta Toumplis, Shaden Maniscalco, Erin Smolinski, Jeraline Rosario, Mariya Smaha, Lia Kasios, Ankur Mehta, Ron Tain

Concert Choir- Front: Kimberly Widdes, Amanda Lasher, Sophia Karalexis, Aakruti Sheth, Jason Spitzer, Elmer Ladlad, Maricel Amadio, Kristina Roman, Cynthia Delgado 2nd: Anne Borkowski, Joanna Evangelista, Misako Rivera, Amanda Schwartz, Christine Moran, Erin Donnelly, Renee Vassiliou, Sarah Butler, Elizabeth Imber, Julie Barker, Alexandra Quillen Back: Heather Benson, Nicolette Pajda, Dena Guminiak, Jennifer Eramia, Olivia Kovac, Robert Wand, Molly Heineman, Loreen Targos, Megan Bieschke, Dorothy Gumularz, Julia Macholl, Jessica Stoneberg Missing: Maxine Thiel, Blase Villano

Chamber Choir- Front: Katie Kriticos, Renee Krolczyk, Laura Spiro, Stacey Schulman, Margaret Wattenbarger, Monica Dabul, Joan Kim 2nd: Sarah Rodeghero, Kathleen Andrews, Shannon Karra, Lauren McLaughlin, Pauline Miliotis, Samantha Meron, Susan Nowak, Melanie Davis Back: Vanessa Barrios, Danielle Willer, Suzanne Ryan, Jaquelyn Hernandez, Sarah Kozicki, Alina Mazurenko, Veronika Goldberg

Master Singers- Front: M. Ellinore Marquez, Emily Maggi, Brooke Haro, Brenda Teruel, Lady Ariane Garcia, Joyce Ko, Renee Dinges, Sharon Chang, Erik Granlund, Diego Colon, Michael Lim, Ben Ritter, Matthew Massoth 2nd: Milena Nitti, Sahar Rahim, Sarah Borucki, Jennifer Jensen , Stephanie Stilling, Jennifer Stevens, Jenna Kaferly, Jessie Moskowitz, James Bartholomew, Josh Solomon, Jarrett Room, Lenny Hong, Andrew Kim 3rd: Jennifer Son, Christine Kim, Jenny Ahn, Lauren Cutlip, Tiffany Shu, Kate Edelson, Margaret Hellum, Annie DiMaria, Michelle Brodsky, Karen Benetatos, Joseph Cabrera, Tommy Stoic, Adrian Briones, Christopher Kimura Back: Elisa Winter, Mallory Portnoy, Catherine Kowalczyk, Susan Kraus, Christine Gloriosa, Katherine Stachowicz, Anna Choi, Alyce Horowitz, Alison Lueder, Dale Mackey, Natalie Bartl, Charles Williams, Joshua Davis, Jacob Chacko, Edward Park, Steven Dogiakos, Michael Budzik

Expressions

Bee Ay Bay...

"Star-ry, star-ry night..." These words can be heard coming from the music wing at Niles West on Thursday nights while Expressions practices. This group is made of the most dedicated choir students, chosen by director Paula Bachman.

Many of the members of Expressions would agree with Jenna Kaferly ('02) when she says, "Being in Expressions is another way that I can express myself through music." To others, it's a way to relieve stress and improve vocal skills. Being part of Expressions helps students grow as musicians. They meet new people while doing what they love to do, sing.

Expressions has been to many places, including Champaign. Other places that they have sung include The Hotel Monaco, for an organization of physicians; the Art Institute; the German Christmas Market; Marshall Field's; and the Emily Oaks Nature Center.

-- Amy Madhiwala

Photo: Root

Above: Annie DiMaria ('02), Sharon Chang ('04), and Mallory Portnoy ('03) take a break from a hard practice to relax and make some funny faces.

Left: Charles Williams ('02) and Diego Colon ('03) work together to skim over the music they will be performing.
Below: Mrs. Bachman introduces her group at a concert. This is her eighth year as the Niles West Director of Choir.

Photo: Root

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Expressions- Front: Joshua Solomon, Michael Lim, Annie DiMarla, Sharon Chang, Lenny Hong 2nd: Elisa Winter, Jennifer Stevens, Sarah Borucki, Jenna Kaferly, Susan Kraus, Adrian Briones Back: Joshua Davis, Mallory Portnoy, Diego Colon, Michael Budzik, Charles Williams

Cabinet

Please buy some candy!

It's Thursday, mods 14-16. Where should you be if you have lunch or a study hall? No, not in the cafe, but at a class cabinet meeting. Every Thursday, seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen meet with their class officers and sponsors to discuss what more they can do to represent their class. Each cabinet is responsible for doing certain things each year. The biggest thing each cabinet does is raise money by doing fund-raisers for junior year. Junior Cabinet plans prom and they use all the money they make towards this goal. Senior year, they organize class shirts, senior gifts, help with Accolades and wherever else help is needed.

Fund-raisers range from candy sales to Gold C Coupon books, ushering at Northwestern football games to selling t-shirts. "My favorite fund-raiser was selling the Nerds Ropes junior year because they sold really fast," said Senior Class Vice-President Angela Kang. "The best part of ushering at the Northwestern football games was seeing a pretty good football team play, and the money we made helped us a lot for our fund-raising," commented Vice-President of Junior Cabinet Kejal Patel.

For some students, being in cabinet is just a way to get out of study hall and something to put on their college applications. The real committed members are the ones who really care about their class, school and community. These types of students are the ones who should be well respected throughout the school.

-- Beeta Azarnoosh

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Senior class president, Ida Plaza, starts writing the agenda for that Thursdays events. Plaza has been class president fo two years now. Each cabinet meets every Thursday during mods 14-16.

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Senior Cabinet- Front: Yuriy Germanovich, Jamal Salem (Treasurer), Ida Plaza (President), Angela Kang (Vice-President), Agnes Cha (Secretary), Sage Greising 2nd: Nasir Bhanpuri, Natalie Isho, Therese Manzanero, Sarrell Hesser (Sponsor), Tiffany Clarito, Christopher Limjoco Back: Christine Gloriosa, Suzanne Ryan, Sandra Borto

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Junior Cabinet- Front: Todd Matten (Treasurer), Kejal Patel (Vice-President), Karina Shah (Secretary), Dorinne Bella (President). 2nd: Beeta Azarnoosh, Kelley Stein, Margaret Wattenbarger, Corina Nasui, Nida Shakir, Michelle Rosienski. Back: Laurie Shaprio (Sponsor), Peter Dubs, Benjamin Krop, Charlie Lambropoulos, Bradley Sacher, Kevin Henrick, Peter Lucas, Suneeth Samuel

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Sophomore Cabinet- Front: Kiki Noonan (Treasurer), Sarah Oline (Secretary) 2nd: Lidiya Azargeous, Eunice An (Vice-President), Lauren Zeinfield (President), Amy Madhiwala, Ariel Isono, Chelsea Sher Back: Debra Diryawish, Molly Heineman, Daniel Macsai, Kevin Bond (Sponsor), Douglas Kim

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Freshman Cabinet- First Row: Maria Shamuel (President), Maryam Quadri (Vice-President), Syema Sheikh (Secretary), Rushi Parikh (Treasurer). 2nd: Jacqueline Yang, Karen Wolf, Linda Lim, Tincy Maroor, Nimita Dominic, Swati Patel, Buthul Hussaini. Back: Anna Mallas, Salima Charania, Maryam Bozai, Chandni Patel, Samira Virani, Maya Hulsh (Sponsor)

Leading the Pack

Student Senate and Student Union

Despite the chaos in governments around the world, our Niles West governments, including Student Union and Student Senate, function quite productively. Student Union, which covers all four years, has done a great job in planning school functions. Homecoming and Winter Formal dance decorations are carefully decided upon and the numerous fund-raisers bring in plenty of money to make the school gymnasium look great! The creative ideas coming from this group shows a lot of effort and time well spent to make everything just perfect. This year, as in all years past, Student Union has had a great deal of success in all of their activities. Student Senate is the branch of student government that exists with the purpose of improving Niles West policy. This group represents the student body at EPAC, SIT, CSSI, and at the Board of Education meetings. "We protest student rights," says senior Secretary Amy Rainey, a four year member who is very involved in the yearly events. Student Senate, along with other Niles West organizations, raised approximately $800 in the participation of the City of Hope Walk for Breast Cancer. Our Student Senate members are definitely the people to thank since they managed to get the off-campus privilege reinstated. So as you can see, our two student government branches have been very busy this year, and continue to foster a positive atmosphere here at Niles West.

-- Heather Johnson

Photo: Heather Johnson

Student Union- Front: Claritess Sarangay, Samantha Mathis, Jessica Pravnik, Kristin Ungar, Samantha Sander 2nd: Carolyn Zich, Chelsea Sher, Freida Kolas, Devin Jaremus 3rd: Beeta Azarnoosh, Cheryl Kachka, Mary Isho, Kristin Miller 4th: Heather Welch (President), Justine Barquez, Laura Spiro, Michelle Rosienski Back: Maragret Donnelly (Sponsor), Rachel Friedman, Caroline Topolinski, Elizabeth Welch Not Pictured: Natalie Isho

Left: "Ooh La La!" says Beeta Azarnoosh ('03) as she holds up Student Union's new wolves key chains for everyone to see. Azarnoosh seved as the secretary for Student Union. Below: Nasir Bhanpuri ('02) and Patrick Donoghue ('02) debate one of the many issues during a weekly Student Senate meeting. They could be abolishing senior finals as we speak.

Photo: Heather Johnson

Photo: Heather Johnson

Student Senate- Front: Becky Bloom, Amy Rainey, Melissa Motel, Nasir Bhanpuri 2nd: Sara Ryan, Alissa Catiis, Daivd Perzov, Jamal Salem, Christine Gloriosa 3rd: Jennifer Kleln, Suzanne Ryan, Amy Madhiwala Back: Jason Komosa, Chris Schwarz (Sponsor), Patrick Donoghue Not pictured: Peter Dinges

The Howl of the Wolf

Images

Have you ever received a scroll full of poems? Those scrolls don't just appear out of thin air. In fact, the members of Images spend a long time folding scrolls and selecting the works that are placed in them. Poems are not the only way that the club members express themselves, though; expression comes through art, photography and short stories. In their weekly meetings, students work hard to put all the varied pieces into the annual book published by Images. Aside from that, throughout the year, Images runs poetry slams as a way to reach the student body. These slams provide an outlet for creative expression in a relaxed environment. Kyla Imber's ('02) definition of Images perfectly describes the purpose of the club as a place "to encourage creativity of all kinds at Niles West."

-- Kejal Patel

Photo: Kejal Patel

Above: What's on the agenda for this meeting? Mollie Levison ('03) and Lindsay Handler ('02) write the schedule on the board. Planning a poetry slam, folding scrolls and writing poetry keeps these meetings very busy.

Left: Brain freeze? Fahmida Matani ('04) and Sarah Kozicki ('04) know the cure for that is brainstorming with friends. Images provides students with an opportunity to receive encouragement from their peers. Below: Frustration was the theme of this week's meeting. Lauren Silverman ('04) tries to come up with words to express all the things she is frustrated about.

Photos: Kejal Patel

Photos: Jenny Allen

Images- Front: Beth Rheinstrom, Fahmida Matani
Back: Carli Magel, Carly Davis, Dena Guminiak, Sarah Kozicki, Elizabeth Imber, Mollie Levison, Jacob Chacko, Joshua Davis

West Word

We Love John Arends!

Strained eyes, cramped fingers, and sore backs from hunching over a computer for hours on end...who could possibly enjoy this more (other than yearbook staffers) than the students who complete the West Word staff?

Every day, the West Word staffers venture into room 310 mods 26-28. But for the West Word, which is not a typical class, many hours are spent long after most of us have left the building. The staff often spends time after school, on weekends, or whenever they have a free minute to work on the paper.

Sometimes, especially when a deadline is near, the West Word staff has "late nights." These late nights can go until eleven or twelve. Because of all the time the students spend in room 310, many consider it a second home. Just ask Adeeb Ansari, a three year veteran of the paper. "Over the past three years, being a West Word staff member has opened my eyes to the intriguing, fast-paced life of journalism and has given me a new perspective on how news can be portrayed."

As a deadline draws near, there are many obstacles that the West Word staff may come across. Many staffers are running around trying to put the finishing touches on the paper. This might mean making minor corrections, taking last minute pictures or even frantically trying to fix a "down" server.

In the end, the paper goes off to Chuck where it gets printed and is delivered to stands around the school. Students flock to get a glimpse of the award-winning paper. Yet again, the response is good, and the staff can't wait to begin the process all over again.

-- Kathy Crowley, Anna Chaiken and Alex Harris

Photo: Kathy Crowley

Photo: Kathy Crowley

Copy Editor Alissa Catiis ('02) looks over a layout with staff writer Rebecca Zavelovich ('03). Although some of the layouts remain the same for each issue, there are the select few that have to be tweaked.

Left: Photography editors Adeeb Ansari ('02) and Jennifer Gorski ('03) patiently look for the perfect picture to place in the sports section. Aside from taking pictures for the paper, they help certain yearbook staffers locate last minute pictures! Below: Editor in Chief Amy Rainey ('02) makes corrections on one of the sections of the paper. "West Word has been my life for four years and I in no way regret that fact. It's been the greatest thing I have ever done. Long live Conroy!"

Photo: Kathy Crowley

Photo: Kathy Crowley

West Word- Front Row: Mehnaaz Ahmed, Yusra Ghazi, Second Row: Inna Kostyukovskaya, Kim Ho, Jamie David, Kathryn Barquez, Muneeba Shariff, Susan Heilig, Jessica Rainey, Alissa Catiis, Amy Rainey, Becky Bloom. Third Row: Nicole Vasquez, Marina Afzal, Daniel Macsai, Brian Sandalow, Jennifer Eng, Rebecca Zavelovich, Eric Chang, Mollie Levison, Bret Ruber, Jennifer Klein.

Spectrum

Yearbook Staff

Contrary to popular belief, a yearbook does take a lot of preparation. This year's staff was comprised of approximately 20 girls. Putting a yearbook together involves knowledge of cropping photos, PageMaker and writing good captions.

The yearbook staff often has to have late nights or stay after school in order to get our pages done. "We love staying here until 7 o'clock and getting free food," states senior and two-year yearbook veteran, Marissa Spitz.

By no means is Yearbook just about deadlines and getting the book finished (although it does take priority). This year, Ms. Swanson and four staffers took a trip to Boston where we attended the National Scholastic Press Association journalism convention. At the convention, we learned ideas to be able to better our yearbook. It was a great journalistic experience and we got to enjoy eating, shopping and more eating.

So, even though for many people, a yearbook is something that will go on a shelf and collect dust, for the staff it means a lot more. Being a staff member is a chance to learn about journalism and have fun at the same time.

-- Kathy Crowley

Photo: Sharon Swanson

Editor-in-chief Alex Harris ('02) edits a spread on the day of a deadline. The editor-in-chief must commit a lot of time, both in and out of school, to make sure everything concerning the yearbook runs smoothly.

Left: Yearbook staff members Alex Harris ('02), Beeta Azaranoosh ('03), Angela Kang ('02), and Kathy Crowley('02) take a break on their long walk to Harvard Square. Besides attending the NSPA Journalism Convention, the girls were able to wander around the historic city.

Photo: Kathy Crowley

Photo: Michael Conroy

Above: Lena Rubins ('03) checks over her page one more time before turning it in to be published. Turning pages in on time helps to determine a staff member's grade for the marking period. Left: **Spectrum-** Front: Loreen Targos 2nd: Beeta Azarnoosh, Samantha Rosati, Lena Rubins, Kejal Patel, Blance Evangelista 3rd: Amy Madhiwala, Heather Johnson, Angela Kang, Marissa Spitz, Kathy Crowley, Brenda Teruel Back: Anna Chaiken, Ashlee Christian, Katie Kriticos, Sharon Swanson (advisor), Jacqueline Collens, Alex Harris

Orchestra

Soothing, soft, and angelic sounds...if you were ever around the area behind the auditorium, these are the kind of sounds that you would most likely hear. The orchestra classes are taught by Mr. Steven Katz, who has been teaching since 1989. If ever you want to join orchestra, Mr. Katz advises, "It's never too late."

A variety of students makes up the different levels of orchestra. There is the Concert Orchestra, Philharmonic Orchestra, and Symphonic Orchestra. There is also an Orchestra Board which is made up of students who were voted into their respective positions. Each year, Mr. Katz holds auditions to figure out into which group a student goes. These hardworking musicians do not get away from final exams, either. They get a written final and a performance final, where they have to play a certain piece.

Because of their effort and hard work, these musicians are rewarded with field trips. "The trip to Orlando, Florida was a blast because everyone thought that I was an upperclassman...and so I was treated like I was too cool," says Grace Kim ('02).

When asked what was so different about orchestra class, Jeanne Chiu ('03) says, "Orchestra isn't like any other class where you always have to study hard for tests. Each and every individual can express their love for music by playing together as a group."

-- Blance Evangelista

Photo: Blance Evangelista

The 18-21 orchestra class tunes up as they get ready to rehearse a piece for their upcoming concert. Playing instruments take a lot of talent and great concentration. All the musicians work hard to perfect their pieces because a great performance means so much to them.

Board- Front: Mara Glasser, Teresa Lim, Monica Yancy, Emnet Gebrehiiwet, Tomara Shlyapintokh 2nd: Nicholas Chuh, Nicole Large, Grace Kim, Michael Hui, Anita Kaimal, Jennifer Teleback Back: Emily Kim, Amy Chui, Marc Davidson, Helen Kang, George Hamada

Symphonic- Front: Sharon Chang, Elmer Chao, Anita Kaimal, Amy Chiu, Teresa Lim, Michael Hui, George Hamada, Elisa Winter 2nd: Jennifer Stevens, Nicholas Chuh, Hannah Kim, Jennifer Teleback, Mara Glasser, Ajitha Kaimal Jeanne Chiu, Jennifer Eng, Kathryn Ernst, Rudra Sinharoy, So Yeon Kim 3rd: Julia Macholl, Ji Hong, Christopher Bangit, Lenny Hong, Emnet Gebrehiiwet, Ashley Ng, Myrill Rodriguez, Helen Kang, Charles Williams, Michael O'Brien, Tanya Baltsevitch Back: Grace Kim, Irina Uk, Lina Cho, Mr. Steven Katz, David Krynski, Errol Rice, Christine Dimoulis, Stephanie Kwon, Abigail Reiss

Philharmonic- Front: Martin Arago, Rosanna Stoia, Anne Borkowski, Ronald Trinh, Tiffany Loeffler, Carly Davis, Nicole Large, Linda Rusak 2nd: Eun Ah Kim, Katie Yee, Caroline Fernandez, Joseph Chelampath, Leslie Kunnacherril, Muneeba Shariff, Jason George, Julie Fry, Barbara Williams, Yoosoo Kim, Michael Chon, Vanesa Roimicher, Ashley Polikoff, Diane Teng 3rd: Laura Kim, Julie Kim, Tamara Shlyapintokh, Jee Hae Choi, Lois Kwon, Ruben Codrean, Mr. Steven Katz, Danny Carnow, David Choi, Roberto Jaimes, Othon Gomez, Sandra Goyal, Ioanna Dimoulis, Marc Davidson, Emily Gonzales, Kristen Fleming Back: Daka Weideman, Katherine Schmidt, Ida Eng, Andrew Vardijan

Concert- Front: Usha Rajbhandari, Alice Son, Tesh Frackiewicz, Chandni Patel, Priyanka Kalapurayil, Christine Khoury, Emily Kim 2nd: Gust Gianos, Betcy Benedict, Swati Patel, Monica Yancy, Rey Mallari, Jennifer Casey, Ryan Agustin, Laura Schoephoester 3rd: Kenneth Leyba, Elena Dimoulis, Celeste Del Mundo, Sterling Brown, Sherry Abraham, Anita Panjwani, Patricia Tiffin, Robina Cyriac, Jill Sadur, George Kalabogias, Chris Kalabogias, Michelle Borcoman, Mariel Snyder, Theresa Persaud Back: Mr. Steven Katz, Elizabeth Messer

Heading Out West

The Joad Family Adventure

Lights, camera, action! The first show of 2001-2002, "The Grapes of Wrath," got the theater season off to an excellent start. The tremendous success of the show shook off any of the anxiety the actors may have felt earlier. The play ran October 19th and 20th to a nearly packed house each night. Due to the absolute brilliance of the stage crew, the show was brought alive by the spectacular special effects, such as gunshots and an excellent storm scene. Because of the hard work and dedication of the actors, the performance was flawless.

"The Grapes of Wrath" is a play portraying the Joad family's difficult voyage from Oklahoma to California during the Depression. After putting on an emotional, three hour performance, the crew was ready to celebrate their success. For Diego Colon ('03) and Charles Williams ('02), the most memorable moment was the after-show party, cosmic bowling. As to what happened at this party, Colon leaves it at, "Theatre people are weird."

-- Anna Chaiken and
Kejal Patel

Photo: Root

The Joad family gathers around the dinner table for a small meal. Before they eat, the family insists on carrying out the old tradition of praying before a meal.

Left: With everyone's bags packed and a truck load of relatives, the Joad family begins their adventure into the West. During their journey, the family endures many difficulties but still manages to remain together.
Below: Tom Joad (Ryan Pollyea '02) hugs Granma Joad (Annie DiMaria '02) after the death of Grampa Joad. Grief strikes the family again when Grandma Joad passes away later in the play.

Photo: Root

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Left: A migrant worker (Mallory Portnoy '03) reassures Rose of Sharon (Dale Mackey '03) not to worry about her pregnancy. Rose of Sharon is terribly upset that her husband has left her while she is pregnant. As Portnoy's crazy character frantically searches through a box of useless items, she tries to comfort her friend.

Snow White

"Who's the fairest one of all?"

Photo: Root

There were few familiar faces on the stage in early December as most of them were working behind the scenes for this show. Stage manager Elisa Winter ('02) found working behind the scenes to be a wonderful experience. "I went into the show feeling very unqualified, but people helped me out and I learned so much." Some of Winter's responsibilities included calling light cues, starting and ending the show, and handling minor problems that occurred during the performance.

Annie DiMaria ('02) was the keyboardist in the pit and dabbled in the hair and costume department as well. Unlike Winter, DiMaria had previously worked behind the scenes in other Niles West productions. "Although I have worked behind the stage in other productions, this was my first experience in the pit."

With the regular actors working behind the scenes, other students had the opportunity to step into the spotlight and try acting for the first time.

-- Alex Harris

Snow White (Sandra Israel ['04]) awakens, startled to find seven strange men staring at her. Snow White finds the cottage after frantically searching for a place to stay after running away from the kingdom.

Left: The dwarves watch in amazement as the prince (Manuel Nadarse ['03]) leans in for a kiss. Snow White had been living a secret life in the forest when she discovered that the queen was out to kill her. Below: Evil queen Enviana (Mallory Portnoy ['03]) concocts a potion that will transform her into an old hag. The queen used the disguise to trick Snow White into letting her into the cottage, so she could poison her.

Photo: Root

Left: Mauel Nadarse, Andrew Sutherland, and Michelle Brodsky take a break between acts. Many friendships are formed during the long months of production.

Photo: Root

And Then There Were None

Ten Little Indians

Suspenseful! Mysterious! Enigmatic! If you like the game of "Clue," then it's guaranteed that you'll like the play on which the board game is based. "Ten Little Indians" is a heart-racing play based on the best selling novel *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie. Ten people, who are mysteriously selected, are tricked into travelling to a deserted island. Upon their arrival, they find house. Inside, ten little wooden Indians have been placed on top of the fireplace alongside a framed nursery rhyme entitled "Ten Little Indians." As according to the rhyme, one by one, people are mysteriously killed and each time a little wooden Indian disappears. But who is the mysterious murderer? "Is it the judge? Is it the maid? Only the murderer knows for sure," says Lauren Cutlip ('02).

-- Kejal Patel

Photo: Kejal Patel

Above: Being part of stage crew is no easy job. Rhiannon Wilk ('04) puts finishing touches on one of the props. Members of the stage crew stay as late as midnight a week before opening night.

Left: The servants await the arrival of the guests. Narracot (Alan Potekin ['05]) and Mrs. Rogers (Nicole Klemens ['04]) go over the final details before they arrive. Below: Vera (Annie DiMaria ['02]) feels safe in the arms of Lombard (Sam Rosen ['03]). Lombard heroically rescued Vera by shooting the murderer who was after her.

Photo: Kejal Patel

Left: Guests introduce themselves to one another as they begin to arrive at the house. General Mackenzie (Joshua Solomon ['03]) gives Annie Marston (Dale Mackey ['03]) a kiss on her hand after introducing himself.

Photo: Kejal Patel

Tonight

Tonight!

As the crowd rushes into the theater, the actors and actresses are busy backstage putting the finishing touches to their make-up and outfits minutes before the big opening scene. The crowd becomes louder and the butterflies in the stars' stomachs start to flutter violently. The opening act is the most nerve-wracking part of the whole performance, filled with emotion and drama. The characters Maria and Tony, played by Elisa Winter ('02) and Diego Colon ('03), displayed emotions of love that were difficult to distinguish from what the audience perceived as real. The drama between the two gangs created an atmosphere filled with tension that continued throughout the whole play. As the play came to an end, the audience was on the edge of their seats, just waiting to see if Tony and Maria would run off together. When the curtain went down, the expressions on the audience's faces show signs of satisfaction. Everyone in the auditorium got to their feet and applauded a job well done by the cast and crew of "West Side Story."

-- Heather Johnson and
Katie Kriticos

Photo: Courtesy of Kevin Wall

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"I like to be in a America, everything's free in America..." The Shark girls show a little leg while dancing about their hopes and dreams for their new lives in America.

Left: Riff (Nikita Burdein ['01]) leader of the Jets, explains to his gang why they must beat the Sharks in a rumble or they will lose their turf. Aside from providing exciting fights and love, the musical provides a lesson in accepting each others differences. Below: Anita (Sarah Borucki ['02]) finishes up the last minute adjustments on Maria's (Elisa Winter ['02]) new white dress for the big dance. "Please Anita, can you make it just a little shorter?"

Photos: Courtesy of Kevin Wall

Left: Maria (Elisa Winter ['02]) and Tony (Diego Colon ['03]) sing about their love for each other. They love one another, even though they know there is hatred between their families and friends.

Photos: Courtesy of Kevin Wall

"You Better Work!"

The house lights fade and the small talk throughout the auditorium comes to a halt. All of a sudden, pop music is blaring out of the sound system as the mistress of ceremonies introduces the first models who sashay down the runway.

The crowd shows tremendous energy and the models are loving it, too. The show goes off with very few catastrophes and by the time the last model struts off of the runway, the crowd is on its feet. No, this isn't a scene from the famous shows in Milan or Paris. It's from the Robert Johnson Auditorium where the Ninth Annual Fashion Show was held.

"We start planning in about February and we work harder and harder as the date grows near," commented fashion coordinator Heather Blond ('01).

All of the outfits were made by the students in fashion workshop classes taught by Lisa Dunham. Some outfits were not modeled by their designer, but were still presented at the show to see their work hit the runway. As fashion coordinator, Blond had to tell people how to walk and when, in order to help the show run smoothly.

"During the show, we worry about people doing the right thing, if the music is okay and everything," explains Blond. "Then the show is over. Everyone lets out a big sigh, realizing once again, nothing went wrong and we pulled it off wonderfully."

"The show was very successful. The girls worked hard all year and it really paid off."

The show was definitely picture perfect.

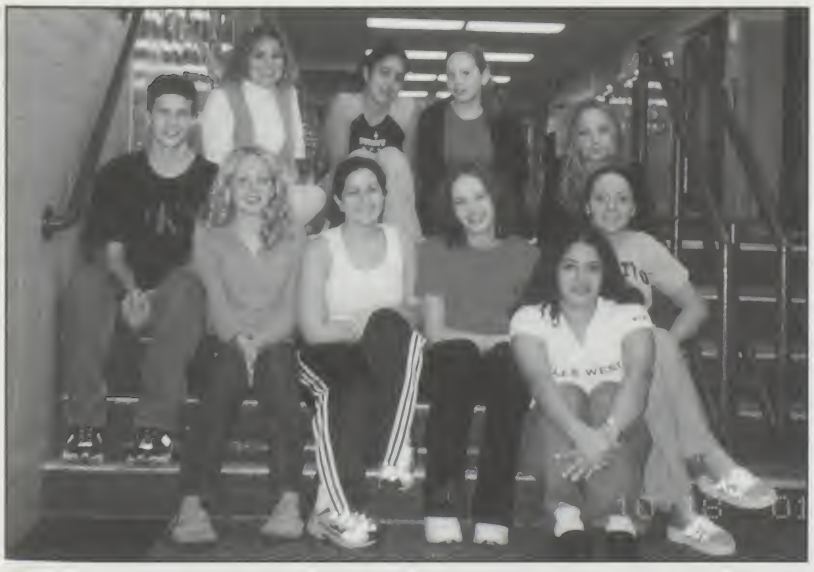
-- Alex Harris

Photo: Root

"Fashion, turn to the left, fashion, turn to the right..." With their serious model expressions in tact, Ariella Toren ('02) and Inessa Makarova ('02) strut their gear made for going out and about.

Left: Happy Halloween! Many of the teachers in the Applied Science department used their children to model Halloween wear. Aidin Dunham (left) and big sister Kiernan (right) model their halloween costumes created by fashion instructor/mother Lisa Dunham. Below: Take a bow! Sonia Ataea ('01) models her hand-crafted prom dress. Many of the girls in the fashion classes wore their designs to the prom.

Photos: Root



Fashion Club- Front: Jaqueline Khoury 2nd: Adam Hayden, Alison Stephans, Amanda Dehne, Ariella Toren, Lace Franks Back: Lisa Dunham (sponsor), Christine Khoury, Melissa Mazur, Betti Horowitz

Photo: Root

United We Dance

Together as One...

Rhythm Nation, this year's Orchesis performance, offered closure to many seniors who had participated in Orchesis during all four years of their high school career. Christina Martinez who had been a part of Orchesis for three years, said, "This year's show had to have been my favorite. As seniors, we all had a lot more say in the show and our experience throughout the years helped us make sure the show would run more smoothly. I will never forget the senior number 'Please Remember.'"

The traditional obstacle Orchesis had to overcome was conflicting schedules. Many members, including three of the four officers and both sponsors, participated in other sports and activities, such as cheerleading and poms. Lia Palivos ('03) was one who constantly ran up and down the stairs, to be a part of both cheerleading and Orchesis practices. According to Palivos, "Sometimes it gets really stressful and exhausting. There were times when I felt as if I couldn't give 100% to each of my commitments. I'd have to jump from practicing building sequences to working on turns, over and over again."

Kathryn Barquez ('03) states "Practices, especially the ones on Saturdays, were extremely hard. There were times when you felt like just giving up, but that feeling of satisfaction at the end makes it totally worth it." Barquez, also one that had to race back and forth between poms and Orchesis practices, also choreographed a number dedicated to Aaliyah, the artist who inspired her to dance.

Below, we're given a taste of how concentrated the dancers stay during practice. To the right, the officers wipe the sweat off their foreheads after practice and smile for a quick photo.

-- Angela Kang

Photo Courtesy of Mandi Natale

Photo: Courtesy of Chloe Castro

Left: Moments before the show, the 2001-2002 Orchesis company poses for a quick photo. At this point, they're all smiles waiting for their "diva" debuts. Below: Before performing on stage it is essential to have the perfect face and the perfect hair. Officer Boyoung Kim ('02) fixes Justine Barquez's ('05) hair before the show. Bottom: These "Lady Marmalade" dancers definitely make a fashion statement in their outfits composed of ripped up jeans and black pants. Each member had the chance to create her own outfit.

Photo: Courtesy of Chloe Castro

Photo: Jacqueline Gillen

Photo: Courtesy of Chloe Castro

Orchesis- Front: Mindy Slutzky, Melanie Cuaresma (Officer), Kristina Govostis (Officer), Boyoung Kim (Officer), Tiffany Clarito (Officer), Sareli Hesser 2nd: Catherine Millan, Lady Ariane Garcia, Leslie Osorio, Jill Vora, Christina Martinez, Lia Palivos, Kathryn Barquez, Brenda Teruel, Laura Phillips, Samantha Rosati Back: Heather Harmston, Kristen Fleming, Erin Schlenger, Sarah Butler, Rachelle Lenesca, Amy Chelberg, Luchie Lopez, Monica Castillo, Elena Dimoulis, Suzanne Ryan

Athletics
Intruder on the Field

When in a pack, wolves treat each other with respect and act as a family. But when a fight ensues, a wolf attempts to look fierce by snarling and baring its teeth. As athletes head into a match, it's no holds barred. They become like that wolf: aggressive, focused on that one battle to rid the intruder that's on their turf.

Photo: Root

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Photo: Courtesy of West Word

Practice makes perfect as pitcher Patrick Schramm ('02) works on his throw for the next game. All of the great pitchers are trained by Coach Stern and have been quite successful.

" My parents have instilled in me a mentality to strive to do my best in all areas of life, including on the baseball field."

-- Nasir Bhanpuri('02)

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

Graduate Andy Krueger ('01) scoops up a ground ball during a cold, windy day at practice. Last spring, Krueger was a key player for the varsity team.

Photo: Root

Freshman- Front: Jesse Footlik, Brandon Siena, Jarryd Loyd, Bierim Delisi, Anthony Meland, Andrew Vardijan, Garret Koziowski 2nd: Joshua Wexler, Joey Galambos, Eric Courtney, Steven Jacobs, Tom Mahler, Michael Shedroff, Jon Levine, Michael Margolis, Alexander Lesniewski 3rd: Coach Chris Schwarz, Ben Kim, Charlie Gockenbach, Christopher Rizzo, Laurence Frank, Eli Barba, Alex Tejeda, Coach Marvin Klebba Back: Carlos Zarate, Justin Plaia, Gabriel Candea, Michael Rosin, Matthew Flink, Robert Wand, Michael Archam

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

"When the game is on the line and we need something done, I want to be the one to do it."
--Adam Parsill ('02)

Batter up

Baseball is the real American game. Whether we're eating a hot dog, or cheering a player home, everyone wants the same thing: the Niles West Wolves to beat the doomed team scheduled to play that day.

The team always worked their hardest. "The entire team always gives 110%," stated a proud Coach Garry Gustafson. The varsity team was pretty balanced, winning and losing 17 games each. Every time the team won a game, it motivated them to play even better in the next one.

Every player loved what they did. If you ever looked out onto the field during practice, anyone could tell that the boys were excited to be out there. " I just love being out there and competing," said George Kontos ('03). The boys also performed certain rituals before their games for good luck. One of the traditions in the pre-game is that all the players gather on the pitcher's mound and discuss the upcoming game. Whatever the players go through before the games, they always make sure to do their best every time.

There's no sport loved more than baseball. At the crack of the bat, everyone holds their breath until the ball just makes it over the fence. It's going...going...gone!

-- Loreen Targos and
Marissa Spitz

Photo: Root

Sophomore- Front: Peter Dubs, Tyler Heidtke, Robert Finnerman 2nd: Nicholas Frank, Jeffery Maher, Michael Zonis, Daniel Kosiba, Marco Ontaneda, Daniel Uhle Back: Coach Bob O'Brien, Sean McNeela, Michael Tomoleonl, Nicholas Cosmos, Patrick Malartsik, Mark Krier, Coach Tom Martin

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Matt Shedroff, Joseph Rusinak, Anthony Gragnani, Kevin Vanderporten 2nd: Kyle Heuer, Robert Noonan, Sean Kolodziej, Rich Houston, Nick Venetico, Kevin Phillips, Patrick Schramm, Nasir Bhanpuri Back: Coach Gary Gustafson, George Kontos, Billy Toy, Adam Parsill, Joe Tomoleoni, Andy Krueger, Coach Mitch Stern

With excellent form, Danil Rybalko ('02) does a "V" on the parallel bars. The boys have to have good strong stomachs to do holds like these.

Photo: Ashlee Christian

"Gymnastics is 99% mental, and 1% physical."

--Errol Rice ('03)

Photo: Ashlee Christian

Maneuvering himself around the horse, Errol Rice ('03) exhibits his strength as well as his form.

Photo: Ashlee Christian

If only those knees were a little bit straighter! Other than the bent knees, Mark Neville ('02) still has a nice v-hold.

Photo: Root

"Most people who are not familiar with the sport don't respect gymnastics. It's not popular because it's difficult.
-- Coach Foerch

Flying with Style

If you're a fan of strong, able-bodied boys clad in little red unitards, then boys gymnastics is the sport for you. The team is full of very talented athletes who risk their limbs doing hazardous tricks on the different apparatuses. The team is somewhat underrated by the school. It's not exactly as popular as football, but that in no way means that it's not that fun to watch. There is a lot to see at gymnastics meets--it's like going to the circus, except there are no carnies or elephants. Despite the fun-filled gymnastics meet atmosphere, they still don't sell big foam fingers yet. As for the team itself, they are improving greatly. Coach Forech explains that he has been noticing the improvement since the addition of Coaches Brandon Tucker and Adrian Batista. The team, with their hard work, motivation, and new coaches, strives towards perfection. Until that time, the team continues to push themselves doing the sport that they love.

--Ashlee Christian

Photo: Root

We're not exactly sure what Robert Krolczyk('03) was attempting to do on the high bar; hopefully he didn't reach that position in a painful way.

JV/Varsity-Front: Gabriel Clarito, Steve Terc, Rendell Padilla, Bret Sher 2nd: Shaun Guardina, Robert Krolczyk, Jose Reyes, Derryl Sher, Frank Byun, Ray Shilmon, Iqbal Sharif. Erick Song 3rd:Coach Steve Foerch, Coach Brandon Tucker, Mohommed Shaazauddin, Nik Emerson, Christopher Locklund, Adrian Lovera, Coach Adrian Batista 4th: Daka Wiedeman, David Van Royen, Errol Rice, Andrew Jatico, Dan Poloz, Jawad Siddiqui Back: Ben Grover, Bill Faehse(Captain), Mark Neville, Mike Muwiler, Lauren Hord.

Look at that form! Defender Ashleigh Bushman ('02) clears the ball up to the midfield during a game. Bushman was moved back to defense in order to provide some speed in the backfield.

Photo: Root

"One word that can describe this season is "fun" because we had so much of it, most of all in Wisconsin!

-- Kathryn Stock ('03)

Photo: Root

Freshman- Front: Yagna Pathak, Jessica Laub, Vanessa Jeske 2nd: Alexandra Quillen, Kathleen Noonan, Karlene Gordula, Celeste Del Mundo, Jennifer Boka, Mirjana Stimac, Ioanna Halklas, Tayyaba Ahmad, Marissa Strassberger, Linda Rusak, Eunice An 3rd: Coach Seong Bong Ha, Tiffany Loeffler, Andrea Markewych, Sarah Rodeghero, Amy Madhiwala, Jodi Kane, Jennifer Casey, Emily Gonzales, Coach Dawn Jacobs, Coach Kim Pellicano Back: Christina Sidiropoulos, Carmen Mandou, Jessica Frank, Sarah Oline, Molly Heineman, Jessica Patera, Aimee Toren, Luchie Lopez, Lauren Perzov

Photo: Root

JV- Front: Jean Mok, Kelly Zehner, Elinore Marquez 2nd: Katie Kritlcos, Nida Shakir, Christina Mandou, Allison Coorlas, Devin Jaremus, Kelley Stein, Kathy Benetatos 3rd: Coach Paul Rojas, Emily Maggi, Kerry Janesku, Jasna Vojcic, Jennifer Gorski, Michelle Rosienski, Nicolette Lambropoulos, Sandra Borto Back: Samantha Espinosa, Katherine Stachowicz. Caroline Topolinski, Meagan Moyer, Seme Sahebi, Jaqueline Gaode, Kathryn Stock

Photo: Root

"The best part of soccer is the strong team unity."
-- Nida Shakir ('03)

Kicking Hard

As the rest of the student body looks forward to sleeping in on a Saturday morning after a hard week of school, the girls' soccer team is still going strong when the weekend arrives. Saturday practices from nine to eleven are held regardless of weather conditions. The girls brave the countless dribbling skills, scrimmages, and kicks in the shins from their teammates during practice games. Soccer, though, is not all work and no play. Thanks to the great coaches, these girls know how to have a good time. One day at practice, all the players were burnt out, so the coaches brought the energy back to the team by starting a game of flag football. What was the best time the girls ever had? Ask any of them and they will be sure to say at a tournament in Wisconsin. Just one of the many crazy things they did there was after a game, their bus failed to show up so they started line dancing to amuse themselves. This team definitely knows how to have a good time, both on and off the field.

-- Kejal Patel

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Jennifer Fortman, Chayil Wiedeman (captain), Corinne O'Reilly, Alex Harris, Ida Plaza 2nd: Melissa Vasquez, Alison Stephans, Chloe Neims, Andrea Roiniotis, Kaitlynn Radtke, Ashleigh Bushman, Marissa Spitz (captain) Back: Eileen Ouska, Laura Gross (captain), Coach Chris Barnett, Coach Scott Ackman, Allison Putt, Katarina Jeremic

Photo: Root

Dribbling around her opponent, Alex Harris ('02) demonstrates how important it is to practice different dribbling moves. The girls ended up beating Mather with a score of 5-0.

There are lots of traditions that sports teams do. Here the varsity infield throws the ball around and all huddle up on the pitchers mound for a quick pep talk and cheer.

" I like team sports a lot and softball is the ultimate team sport. You really have to rely on teammates to do everything. Not one person does it all ."

--Sara Ryan ('02)

Photo: Root

There's alot to think about when running the bases. Heather Hohs ('03) gets caught in a run down, which, in a softball game, can get very exciting to watch and cheer.

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Lauren Curry, Leah Federman, Diana Gelfand 2nd: Pam Quinn, Heather Hohs, Lynn Hohs (captain), Julie Muszynski (captain), Karen Hohs (captain) Back: Coach Steve Ramseyer, Kyleen Garcia, Christina Conrad, Sara Ryan, Carrie Poulsom, Coach Lou Metallo.

Photo: Root

"The girls really accepted me and made me feel a part of the team." Kim "Kearns" Edwardson ('04)

Softball is Life

It's not every day that you see a small team like a softball team have ten graduating seniors. In addition, out of the nine positions on the field, at least seven were taken by senior starters. "We became really close with each other as well as with the 'younguns'," comments graduate Pamela Quinn. The team did unbelievably well by sweeping their own Walter Cocking Invite, getting second place in conference and beating very good teams such as Morton and Fenwick High Schools. Other great accomplishments include four year varsity pitcher Lynn Hohs recording her 1000th strike out on May 16, 2001, and the first homerun over the new orange fence on the varsity diamond by graduate Christina Conrad.

Although the girls were all work and no play on the diamond, it didn't stop them from having fun every now and then. "The funniest thing that happend to me during the game was when I did the splits at first base trying to catch a ball," says graduate Christina Conrad. As the season came to an end, the younger members realized that the close friendships they made with these ten seniors was soon coming to an end. The seniors were sad about having their last softball season come to an end. " The four years of softball that I played at Niles West was one of the greatest things that I ever did. The adrenaline rush that I got everytime before a game is an undescribable feeling that I will never forget," said varsity third baseman Meghan Kearns. The Niles West Girls Softball program will always have pride, respect, and enjoy the game of softball that they all love to play.

-- Beeta Azarnoosh

Photo: Root

JV- Front: Kim Edwardson, Heather Johnson, Chrissy DePaolis, Christine Carnate. 2nd: Colleen Corrigan, Beeta Azarnoosh, Brianne Sander, Jodi Henriksen, Emily Scheler Back: Anna Chaiken, Jennifer Gianos, Coach Susan Padilla, Nicole Kouzoukas, Nicolette Larsen

Photo: Root

Freshman- Front: Erin Finnicum, Courtney Tutt 2nd: Jennifer Natkin, Dena Guminiak, Vickie Jimenez, Justine Stark, Rachel Tarnoff, Kari Chaiken Back: Jessica Stoneberg, Maegan Duffy, Coach Ray Carr, Anne LaManna, Megan Hayes.

Todd Matten ('03) is catching flies! Just kidding! He is really concentrating on hitting the ball to a good spot on the other side. Matten, along with Aaron Cohn, made it to the state competition by placing third at sectionals.

Photo: Courtesy of Brad Wilson

"Tennis is a great sport because it's fun, competitive, fast-paced and is a great exercise."

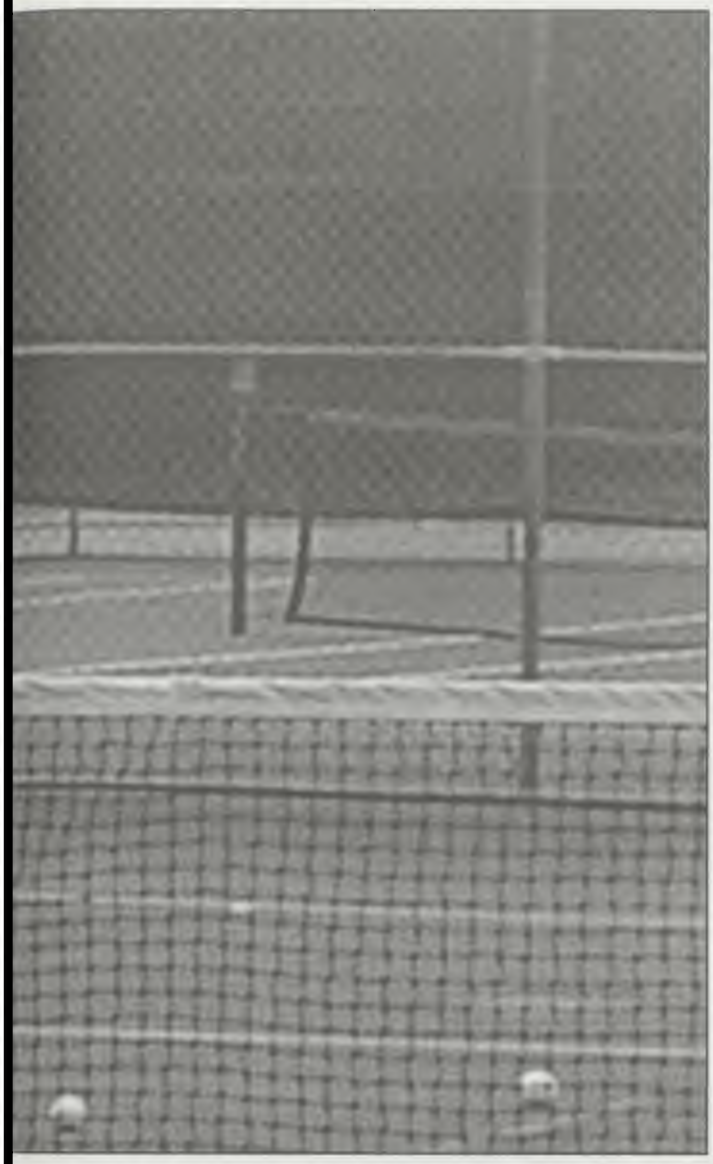
-- Aaron Cohn ('02)

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Alex Meng, Todd Matten, Jeremy Klein 2nd: Aaron Cohn, Brad Sacher, Armand Ladlad, Eugene Gekhter, Jerry Lambrinatos, Thomas Bae, Nicholas Lambrinatos Back: Coach Brad Wilson, Ivan Kirincic, Steve Thomas, Brandon Mita, Alberto Saberbein, Coach Ron Gralewski

Photo: Root

JV- Front: Jason Ang, Sean Jensen 2nd: Cezar Leynes, Scott Mita, Robert Filip, Douglas Kim, Zaki Ali, Thompson Nguyen Back: Abrar Khan, Suneeth Samuel, Coach Ron Gralewski, Paul Brown, Mahmudul Din



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"There was no love this year"

Serving up

"Everyone start warming up. Take a brief jog, stretch and then we will start drilling." This is a typical day for the Niles West Tennis team. Under Wilson's great coaching, numerous people headed to the state tournament. The doubles team of Aaron Cohn ('02) and Todd Matten ('03) took third and qualified for the state meet. Before a game, the boys look at the type of player each person will face, and discuss what needs to be done to beat that opponent.

The tennis team was a very young team, yet their youth did not intimidate them against other teams. They played well at the Niles West invitational, as well as the Willowbrook invitational. Their goal for the years to come is to keep improving and do as well as they have been doing.

-- Jacqueline Collens and
Katie Kriticos

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

Thomas Bae ('01) prepares to return a serve from his opponent. The return is very important while playing a competitive game of tennis.

Photo: Courtesy of West Word

Making a full swing through, Aaron Cohn ('02) hits the ball over the net to the other player. With that kind of hit, it will be very hard for the other player to return it back to Aaron.

Photo: Root

Nicholas Kapsalis ('02) holds his breath as he floats over the bar. Lightness and agility help him maneuver over the bar.

"My most memorable moment was making my final attempt at 13'6" in the high jump at sectionals. A lot was riding on that jump including qualifying for state and setting a Niles West record."

-- Aron Sullivan ('03)

Photo: Root

With effortless strides Snehal Patel ('03) is determined to win this relay race. During a relay, quickness is key.

Photo: Root

JV- Front: Farhan Tariq, Bowen Chow, Bryan Wickert, Mark Flores, Steve Kang, Bryan Serrano 2nd: Calvin Lee, Geogy Vennikandam, Craig Kaneshiro, Erik Granlund, John Park, Aron Sullivan, Jorge Perez 3rd: Coach Chris Vivone, Coach Pat Savage, Snehal Patel, James Ralph, Coach Sheri Hayden, Coach Tony Konsewicz 4th: Jimmy Saravasilis, Michael Krpan, Christopher Wegner, Darek Bacal, Eddy Ymeri, Mohammed Bozai, Dexter Yu 5th: Habib-Saif Al-Hamid, Nathan Diaz, Evans Alexander, Walter Mendenhall, Alex Elman Back: Steve Mourtokokis, David Kopf, Anton Mykhaylov, Michael Lupa, William Chiang

Photo: Amy Madhlwala

"It is very rewarding to teach them mental toughness and technique."
-- Coach Mark Egofske

Running with the Pack

Victory was certainly not a surprise to the 2000-2001 Boys' Track and Field team. The season was led by the team captains, Joe DiMaria ('01), Kaushal Patel ('01), and Ryan Kinslow ('01), to their team record of 109-13, making it the best in school's history. Tough, neverending practices were rewarded with three team members, Nicholas Gazis ('01), Joe Isho ('02), and Aron Sullivan ('03), qualifying for state track and field team. Until now, this achievement had remained unaccomplished for a long time. The team finished third out of seventeen schools, perhaps because of the strong coach-athlete relationship. "Coaches were always there for us in any type of problem, almost like best friends," remembers Jorge Perez ('04). It's very important that athletes find a role model and a friend in their coach. Like the wolves in a pack, teammates are family.

-- Jennifer Allen and
Brenda Teruel

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Eric Aponte, Jorge Perez, Mark Siegel, Aron Sullivan, Omar Sheikh, Bryan Serrano 2nd: Craig Kaneshiro, Mike Sielski, Eddie Aponte, James Bartholomew, Christopher Regidor, Emmanuel Simon, Derylle De Vera, Geogy Vennikandam 3rd: Martin Camargo, Anup Philip, Coach Sheri Hayden, Coach Tony Konsewicz, Coach Mark Egofske, Coach Chris Vivone, Coach Pat Savage, Amit Khatkhate, Silviu Anca 4th: Kaushal Patel (captain), Fred Javier, Norman Moore, Lonnie Williams, Mike Hui, Snehal Patel, Joe Isho, Jason Grover 5th: Joe DiMaria (captain), Alex Elman, Nicholas Gazis, Sean Bieschke, Walter Mendenhall, Habib-Saif Al-Hamid, Greg O'Brien Back: Nicholas Kapsalis, Charles Williams, David Johanson, Ryan Kinslow (captain), David Berkley, Sergio Papillon

Photo: Root

With a determined face, Jimmy Saravasilis ('03) powerfully leaps over the hurdle. Having long legs comes in handy when jumping over these monsters.

Photo: Courtesy of Mark Medland

Right: These girls are all smiles! Cathy Chutipisalkul ('00), Chizu Rivera ('02), Erica Kim ('02), Cathy Kowalcyzk ('03), Carolyn Aler ('01), and Alisa Kusolvisitkul ('03) with medals around their necks after "Tops Times Classic" meet in University of Illinois.

"We had a great team that went undefeated in the indoor season. I think we have a lot of potential and look forward to next year.

-- Julia Varsamis ('04)

Photo: Courtesy of Mark Medland

Above: Here Lorraine Ishida ('03), Crystal Calayag ('03), Laura Phillips ('04), Carolyn Aler ('01), Erica Kim ('02), Alisa Kusolvisitkul ('03), Catherine Kowalczyk ('03), Chizu Rivera ('02) and Jennifer King ('02) pose for a quick picture, on their way to a track meet for the State qualifiers at Eastern Illinois University.

Photo: Courtesy of Mark Medland

Carolyn Aler ('01) and Jhemma Castro ('01) are stretching before one of their home meets. Stretching is key to not pulling any muscles during a race.

Photo: Samantha RorKti

"Being on the girls track team for the first time was one of the biggest challenges. Watching the older girls run and always win was an inspiration." -Jackie Collens ('03) and Jennifer McKinney ('03)

Running hard

"Did we beat New Trier and Evanston in Conference?" asks Carolyn Aler ('01) and Beth Garstki ('01). The girls' track team shouts back, "You bet!" at the last assembly of the year, as they try to pump up the crowd. The team has come a long way. They went undefeated in the indoor season and got first place in Conference. For their outdoor season they went undefeated again and got second in Conference. They run an average of three miles a day and manage to keep it fun all the while. "Track is a very satisfying sport. You always feel good about yourself after running a real hard workout," says Laura Phillips ('04) The girls also spend time together outside of practice, whether it is a pasta party dinner, or a breakfast Saturday morning after practice. "I remember all of the fun we had together and the support we had for one another. At every meet, the entire team would cheer and root on everyone else. Even at the end of a long, all-day meet, the whole team would cheer for those that won ribbons or medals," says Margaret Leisner ('02).

--Samantha Rosati

Photo: Courtesy of Mark Pieciunk

Christina Gloriosa('02), Lana Emerson ('01), Jenny King ('02), and Julia Varsamis ('04) just finished running at the Maine South 'Hawk' Relays. They placed first in this six team relay meet.

Photo: Root

Girls' Track- Front Row: Ak Paramadilok, Lea Bingayen, Crystal Calayag, Margaret Leisner (Captain), Jhemma Castro (Captain), Carolyn Aler (Captain), Kristin Hanaoka, Jackie Collens, Jane Lee 2nd: Kelly Hanaoka, Teresa Lim, Misa Rivera, Janne Varghese, Beth Garstki, Lori Sahakian, Neha Pathak, Kate Miyamoto, Tanya Dudkina, Ranaa Ansari, Laura Strum, Muneeba Shariff 3rd: Coach Colleen Davis, Coach Emily DeGuzman, Shannon Karra, Laura Phillips, Farah Khan, Milica Cicmil, Jennifer McKinney, Amy Pisula, Lauren Pantazis, Jacqueline Snowsky, Dorine Bella, Coach Anne Beatty-Heselton, Coach Mark Medland 4th: Suzanne Ryan, Sarah Trilling, Ellen Berzack, Kathy Pisula, Rachel Parikh, Elizabeth Brunner, Jessica Song, Dana Lebitsky, Tanya Baltsevich, Danielle Willer, Marina Afzal, Mallinalli Castro 5th: Julia Varsamis, Jennifer King, Elizabeth Leisner, Elena Boyarsky, Ina Buric, Kristen Guiang, Kristina Miceli, Shwetha Jinkala, Erica Kim, Chizu Rivera, Karina Shah Back: Sasha Khasina, Christine Gloriosa, Tanhee Galindo, Jennifer Klein, Lana Emerson, Nicole Lamarr, Sherley Delma, Luz Cardenas, Alisa Kusolvisitkul, Rachelle Lehesca

Right: "I got it!" Jon Yoon ('01) goes up for a kill during warm-ups. Yoon's skill and leadership enabled the squad to beat Niles North for the regional title.

Photos: Courtesy of West Word

"My most memorable moment was when we beat Evanston who was ranked. It made me realize that we had the potential to do anything.

-- Jon Berkley ('01)

Photos: Root

Freshman B- Front: Daniel Rose, James Leventis, Bill Souferis, Christopher Bangit 2nd: James Kim, Pratik Patel, Jooho Yoon, Adam Cimochowicz, Michael Banchoencharoensuk Back: Coach Chuck Corrigan, Joshua Manego, Yooshin Kim, Coach Gary Davis.

Photos: Root

Freshman A- Front: David Roer, John Park, Albert Tamondong, Jeffrey Elster 2nd: Peter Drebos, John Park, Mark Tkaczuck, Eric Vecchione, Edward Kim Back: Coach Chuck Corrigan, Amar Smajlovic, Eric Wolinetz, Coach Gary Davis

"The greatest sport ever"

Bump Set Spike

If you were to walk through the gym while boys' volleyball is in season, you would never see the same drill being practiced twice. Sometimes it involved disrupting the baseball team baseball practices or learning a new hitting drill, it paid off in the end. The squad knocked off fourth- ranked St. Ritas and sixth-ranked Evanston.

The result... the Wolves were ranked in the top 15 by the end of the season and defeated cross town rival Niles North for the regional championship. The quest for state was cut short, by a loss to New Trier in the sectional semifinals.

But when you have an Honorable Mention All Stater, and have accomplished so much, what more could a team possibly want... other than a state championship of course.

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JV- Front: Chrstopher Limijoco, Maulin Shah, Christopher Kimura, Edward Paramadiolok, Phillip Choi 2nd: Aldwin Castillo, Adi Hadzimuratovic, Kristoffer Guico, Bill Toliopoulos, Paul Kuk, Aby Karotto Back: George Gates. Peter Nelson, Coach Teri Langston, Adam Hayden, Afan Tariq

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Victor So, Nicholas Halkias, James Janesku, Tony Thomas 2nd: Coach Jennifer Sinnick, Jon-Michael Kriticos, Michael Rose Back: Jon Yoon (captain), Brian Hong, Jeremy Will, Anthony Nevalga, Ed Choe (captain), Jonathon Berkley.

Photo: Root

With a look of determination Jordan Rothstein ('05) runs toward victory, and towards some much deserved water.

"A love of running, a love of coaching and seeing athletes improve is what motivates me."

-- Coach Pat Savage

Photo: Root

Raymond Mok ('05) seems to be working up quite a sweat. It's not easy to keep your speed up for a really long time, as Raymond knows.

Photo: Root

Runners need strong able bodies to run for long periods of time. Errol Rice ('03) flaunts his well defined arm muscles as he stays in the lead.

Photo: Ashlee Christian

"Running is a good outlet for my energy.
--Eric Aponte ('02)

Endurance like a Wolf

With a typical practice starting with 8 to 10 miles of running followed by 500 crunches and 200 push-ups, it is safe to say that the Boys' Cross Country team does not have it easy. But rigorous training and practice are what make the amazing team what it is. It's not unlikely to see the team running across Oakton clad in spandex, soaking wet from the pouring rain. One thing you won't see, however, is any of them complaining. Running is what they do best and weather is not a factor. The team probably gets most of their determination from their hard-working coach, Pat Savage, who is in better shape than most of the students at school, running almost every morning and working out as well. As far as the season, the Varsity finished with 24 wins and 6 losses; sophomores finished with 25 wins and 2 losses; and the freshmen finished with 11 wins and 3 losses. Coach Savage says "They know what it takes to be successful and to win." Their hard work and training are shown off in the outcome of the season. They truly have the endurance and stamina of wolves.

--Ashlee Christian

Photo: Root

Even if it's windy, raining, or snowing you can bet that Frederick Javier('02) will still be running. The cross country guys will run through anything.

Photo: Root

JV/Varsity-Front: Eric Aponte, Brian Wickert , Brian Serrano 2nd: Thomas Chin, Errol Ricem Alex Elman, Andrea Jatico, Erik Granlund, Dexter Yu Back: Coach Vachee Loughran, Frederick Javier, William Chiang, Derek Bacal, Coach Pat Savage

Photo: Root

Erica Kim ('02) leads the wolf pack in the two and a half mile sectional race. Usually, in such important races, the girls that aren't running come to watch to pick up tips from the best ones on the team.

"We had a good season this year. We all bonded and I made a lot of friends. I was really glad to be a part of such a hardworking team."

-- Jasna Vojcic ('03)

Photo: Root

Racing to keep up with her competitors, Chizu Rivera ('02) gets close to the finish line. At the home stretch, the girls turn on the heat and finish with the best possible times.

Photo: Root

As the crowd is beginning to gather, the girls who are running in sectionals are outside warming up. The other teams that have already arrived get prepared to be beat by Niles West's best.

Photo: Root

"We did well this season. We bonded during the races and all the girls helped each other"

-- Karen Hohs ('02)

Never ending Race

To most girls, running is a tiring chore that our gym teachers force us to do, but to the Girls' Cross Country team, it's heaven on earth.

It's 5:50 am. While we're fast asleep in our warm beds, girls on the Cross Country team are on their way to practice. Every Friday morning, the team gets together and runs a mile or two before school starts. They run three to five miles a day; and we thought a mile every six months in gym was a lot!

So if it's so much work, why do they do it? "I liked doing Cross Country because I made a lot of good friends on the team," said Molly Heineman ('04). On all sports teams, the people are friends with each other but on this one, they're sisters. If something big happens to someone, two hours later the whole team knows.

Although there may sometimes be a complaint or two, they'll never stop running. To them, running is their passion; running is their life.

-- Loreen Targos

Photo: Loreen Targos

Karen Hohs ('02) speeds it up to beat out some of her competition. When they're challenged, the girls get an extra amount of adrenaline to beat the other schools.

Photo: Root

JV/Varsity Front: Ak Paramadilok, Anna Garcia, Lori Sahaklan 2nd: Jennifer Garcia, Laura Phillips, Brianne Sander, Katherine Stachowicz, Jasna Vojcic, Lorraine Ishida, Jodi Henriksen, Karen Hohs Back: Coach Anne Beaty-Hesselton, Erica Kim(captain), Alexandra Khasina, Sharon Wolf, Molly Heineman, Allsa Kusolvisitukul, Heidi Baran

Photo: Angie Kang

The 2001-2002 cheerleading squads smile at the end of their routine for the Fall Pep Assembly. This was the debut of the first ever cheerleading squad at Niles West to cheer for the Wolves.

"Being on this year's varsity was a good experience. I got to make friends with a group of girls that I've grown to love. It was a lot of hard work but it was all forth it. Fugee love forever!"

-- Lia Palivos ('03)

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Angela Kang (Captain), Allison Coorlas. 2nd: Katie Kriticos, Kelley Stein, Vanessa Pasia, Ida Plaza, Kathy Benetatos. 3rd: Lia Palivos, Corina Nasui, Maryann Arsenijevic, Jennifer Kong.

Photo: Root

JV- Front: Becky Sanderman, Kristina Tracey (Captain), Emily Gonzales (Captain), Nicole Amsberry. 2nd: Courtney Tutt, Erin Donnelly, Luchie Lopez, Lauren Pantazis, Lisa Derrickson.

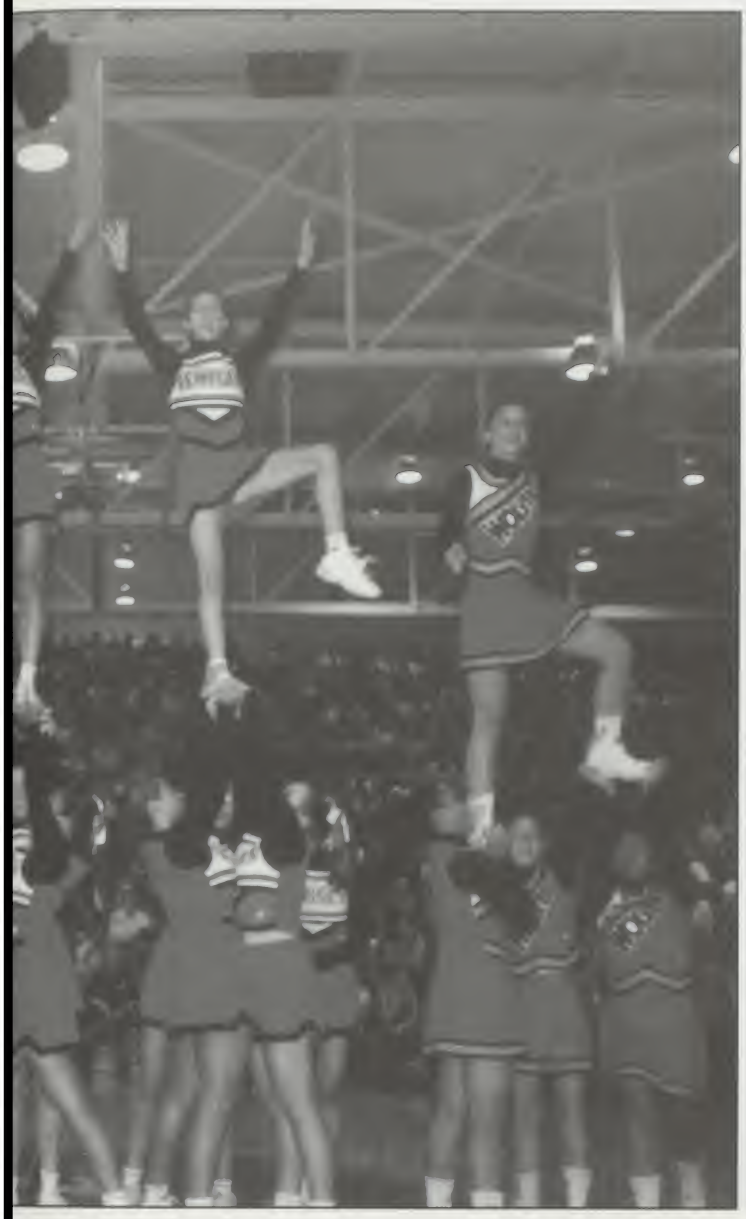


Photo: Sam Rosati

"The cheerleaders inspire us to play harder. They're enthusiastic and work really hard."
-- Alex Filin ('02)

Full of Spirit

The varsity cheerleaders introduced their squad to the school at the Fall Sports Pep Assembly with a routine choreographed by their captain, Angela Kang, with the help of their junior varsity squad. "Working with Varsity was an interesting experience. It helped me to see how hard they work and how nervous they must be performing in front of so many people," said Emily Gonzales ('04). Before the school year began, they not only won a first place trophy at the 2001 UCA cheerleading camp, but also received multiple superior award ribbons, another trophy, a leadership plaque, and three of the seniors qualified as Universal Cheerleaders Association All-Stars.

As the football season came to a close, the girls focused more on their goal. Their efforts were aimed toward placing high enough at the Regional Competition to win their bid. The routine, which consisted of tumbling, building, dancing, and cheering, was practiced endlessly each day while the girls hoped to perfect everything each time. The week before the girls were supposed to compete, there were plenty of injuries, but they gritted their teeth and continued to practice. Their hard work was rewarded with a third place trophy among the seven medium varsity squads in their division, as well as a bid to the National Competition.

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Ida Plaza, Jennifer Kong, Allison Coorlas, Vanessa Pasia. 2nd: Maryann Arsenijevic, Lia Palivos, Kathy Benetatos, Coach Mindy Slutzky, Katie Kriticos, Kelley Stein, Corina Nasui, Jessica Scharaga.

Photo: Root

JV- Front: Kristina Tracey, Coach Alexandra Landon, Emily Gonzales. 2nd: Luchie Lopez, Lauren Pantazis, Courtney Tutt, Nicole Amsberry, Becky Sanderman, Lisa Derrickson, Erin Donnelly.

With fierce determination in his eyes, Jeremy Will ('02) looks for an opening in the field. Quick feet help to maneuver around the field and avoid being tackled.

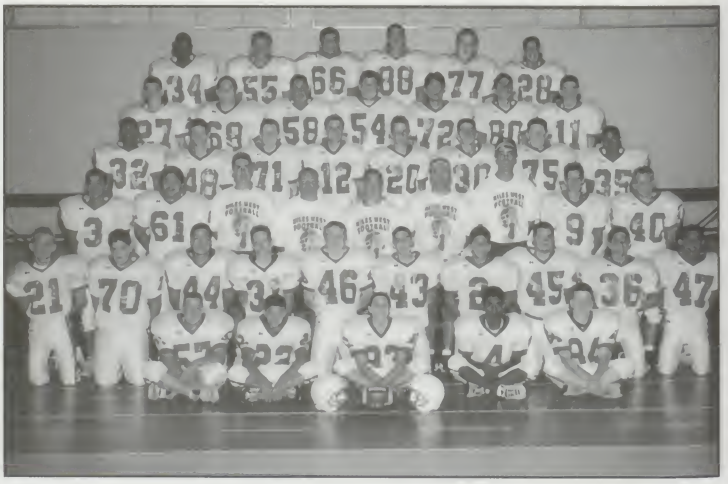
Photo: Root

"I will miss the feeling you get on Friday nights, when the stadium lights go on just before the game."

-- Patrick Donoghue ('02)

Photo: Root

"You're not going anywhere!" screams Nasir Bhanpuri ('02) as he tries to tackle one of those nasty Vikings. This tackle also contributed to the win against Niles North.



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Freshman- Front: Zachary Zuckerman, Matt Hohs, Martin Gould, Melvin Stanislaus, Pavel Shchukin 2nd: Steve Vanderporten, Dmitri Dallas, Peter Yoon, Tim O'Reilly, Dimitri Pikovskly, Timothy Payne, David Petrovic, Michael Croon, Bart Williams, Richard Ramos 3rd: Stephan Park, Steven Gonzalez, Coach Larry Fogel, Coach Jamie Krzeminski, Coach Howard Fogel, Coach Mario Faso, Coach Gary Gustafson, Tim Sojka, Richard Krueger 4th: Roal McLennon, Mladen Zivkovic, Alex, Nagyivan, Christopher Johnson, Jeffrey Greenwood, Evan Cormalleth, Brian Gartner, Lance Newman 5th: Jack Littwin, Andrew Holmblad, Max Estes, Kristopher Kinslow, Michael Chon, Kyriakos Anastasiadis, James Kane Back: Alex Brown, Thomas Maddex, Camilo Cardenas, Gregory Eastman, Phillip Bloom, Chris Toy

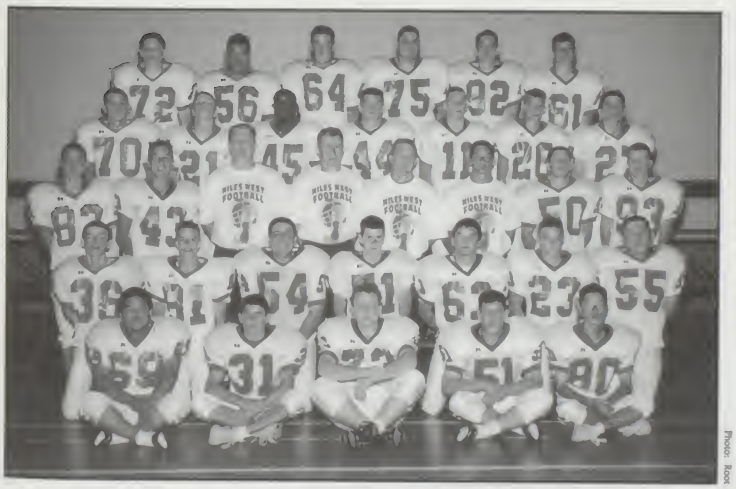
Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

"The camaraderie of the team was one of the biggest highlights of the season for me."
-- Coach Mark Rigby

The Strength of the Pack

The stadium lights glared as fans poured into the stands, followed by the music of the marching band, on a brisk, Friday night. This was the Friday routine among all football players and Wolves fans. One night, however, stands out in everyone's mind, the game against the Evanston Wildkits. It was the last home game of the season and the Wolves were 5 and 3; winning the game meant advancing to the playoffs. The Wolves were down 13-6 at the end of the first quarter and many fans took a seat in disappointment. However, for those who doubted the team's victory, they proved you wrong! The team pulled it together and beat the Wildkits 52-21, making it to the playoffs for the first time in ten years! As the buzzer went off in the fourth quarter, fans gathered on the field to congratulate the players. The accomplishments of the season were not the work of only one person, but by the whole pack.

-- Jenny Allen



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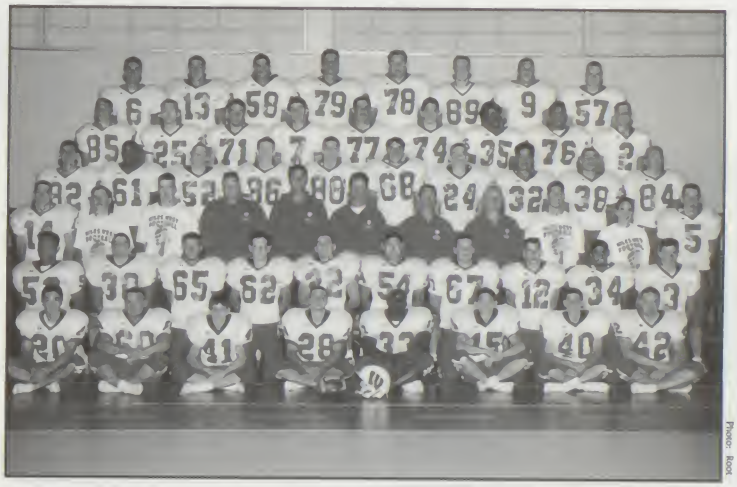

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Varsity- Front: Christopher Regidor, Kevin Vanderporten, Kevin Henrick, Anthony Gragnani, Emmanuel Simon, Christopher Kimura, Darryl Sher, Nicholas Frank 2nd: Derylle DeVera, Larry Masarsky, Christopher Neitlich, Brandon Murphy, Silviu Anca, Bae Jun, George Lappas, James Bartholomew, Nasir Bhanpuri, Daniel Uhle 3rd: Kyle Huer, Brian "Doc" Katzman, Coach Glen Olsen, Coach Jeff Huber, Coach Mark Rigby, Mark Egofske, Coach Bob DeLeonardis, Coach Joe Galambos, Coach Troy Emery, Kendra Trilling, Patrick Schramm 4th: Christos Kapsalis, Lonnie Williams, Robert Noonan, Sean McNeela, Edgar Mourans, Peter Lucas, Jeffery Maher, Derrick DeVera, Norman Moore, Brendan McKenna 5th: Daniel John Kosiba, Peter Svenson, Greg O'Brien, Patrick Donoghue, Edward May, David Kopf, Walter Mendenhall, Arvind Datt, Mark Krier Back: Eric Davidson, Jeremy Will, Nicholas Cosmos, Sammer Fakhoury, David Johanson, Adam Parsill, Alex Filin, Michael Tomoleoni

Photo: Root

Peter Nelson ('02),one of the team's captains, waits around with his fellow golfers, watching the other players attempt to make a birdie on the nearby hole.

"I shot the best on JV, which helped the team to a 3rd place finish in conference."

-- Steven Berkley ('02)

Photo: Root

JV/Varsity- Front: Nicholas Leevanthana, Christopher McKinney, Joshua Park, David Johnson 2nd: Peter Dubs, Joseph Piekos, Coach Tom Zera, Coach Mitch Stern, Jon Limjoco, Jesse Footlik, Pairat Srilcok, Edward Paramadilok, Todd Matten Back: Robert Wand, Peter Nelson, Paul Brown, George Kontos, Steven Berkley, Michael Craig

Photo: Root

George Kontos ('03) and Jonathan Limjoco ('05) wait near the shade. They stay there to cool down from the blistering heat, before having to go back out in the heat to play another hole of golf.

Photo: Root

"Being named team MVP and picked for the all conferance team was a big accomplishment and very unexpected."
-- Peter Dubs ('03)

Putting for Par

Imagine yourself on a perfect green golf course with hills and little lakes. That's where the Boy's Golf team got to play 18 holes of a hard, concentrated and precise game. The boys traveled away from their school for practices, since it would be hard for them to practice golf around the Niles West fields. Even though the boys didn't practice or play games at their school's grounds they still had spirit and tried getting the students of the school to give them support at their golf meets. Because of the mascot switch, all the boys held brand new golf bags with the Wolves logo on the side. Peter Dubs ('03) was picked for the all-conference team and named his team's MVP player. He was also tied for 10th at the all conference tournament.

The team was very happy about their finished season, with an 8-8 record. The boys had a lot of potential this year and have improved their playing skills. The team's coaches were also happy with the outcome of the season, saying the team had a lot of potential and good players. With lack of knowledge of this sport, some people think of the game as unentertaining and boring and may think it's not even a real sport. But golf is a game of smarts and hard work, and that's a real sport.

-- Katie Kriticos

Photo: Root

"Please go in the hole," says Jonathan Limjoco ('05). He watches as he makes a perfect,straight put with his club. He watches the ball hoping to himself that it goes right into the near hole. The golf team always worried about making their putts as straight and precise as they need them to be.

Photo: Root

"10 feet and 2 inches from the hole," states Todd Matten ('03) as he looks at the final hole of the course. Measuring the precision from the lie of the golf ball to the hole is very important in order to get the ball straight into the hole.

Photo: Root

Andrew Sutherland ('02) nervously looks to pass the ball to an open man. Sutherland was moved out of the goal and moved up to the forward position.

"The whole season in itself was amazing. 14-4-6 was remarkable. It's not going to be easy to beat; the record will stand for a long time."

-- Michael Rose ('02)

Photo: Root

The guys pre-game warmup was taken from the Brazilian National Soccer Team. The hardest part for the guys was finding enough coordination to stay together.

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Freshman- Front: Gil Arturo Marino, Jessi Sanchez, Jorge Lopez 2nd: Jorge Galicia, Vladimir Borun, Robert Metellus, Ian Sato, Eric Meiri, Mark Chauhan, Alexander Cabrera, Andrew Suh 3rd: Michael Heller, Justin Eusebio, Sang Chai Park, Miles Kilgallon, Yuriy Drubinskiy, Sean Nilapant, Coach Seong Bong Ha Back: Christopher Bandur, Ian Masterton, Michael Dumong, Matthew Korajczyk, Gust Gianos, Christopher Arends.

Photo: Root

"The season was fa-la-la-us."
-- Charlie Lambropoulos ('03)

Can I Get a "Hell Yeah"

The incessant deafening sound of the lightning detector indicated that that players could take the field again. Windy and rainy weather did not stop the fans from waiting patiently for the teams to resume play. An energetic fan begins beating on a snare drum, and the rest of the students start chanting, "Let's go Niles West." It's Pack the Stadium night, but for football, European style.

The boys' soccer team certainly gave the fans something to cheer about. They concluded the season with a program high of 14 wins, four losses, and six ties.

"This record was the best in Niles West history," stated Coach Scott Ackman. "The juniors and seniors worked very hard to get into position and were rewarded by winning the Niles West Tournament, the Rockton- Honnegah Tournament, winning a regional title, and falling one game short of going downstate."

The boy's hard work led to the selection of Charlie Lambropoulos, Damir Dulas, and Michael Rose as all conference players. These acheivements definitely deserve a "Hell, yeah."

-- Alex Harris

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Sophomore- Front: Chris Tirovolas, Scott Mita, Bill Souferis, Angel Bakov 2nd: Steve Kang, Jorge Perez, Daniel Sierra, Omar Salem, Othon Gomez, Adrian Lovera, Bowen Chow Back: Coach Brett Clish, Ian Sutherland, Matthew Flink, Nick Tarzian, Michael Rosin, Roberto Jaimes.

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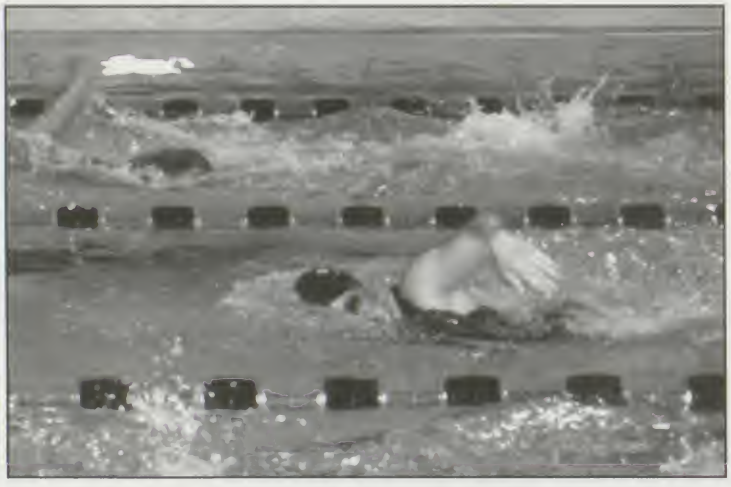
JV/Varsity- Front: Dimitare Atanasov, Alex Gikas, Andrew Sutherland, Edgar Sanchez 2nd: Christopher Limjoco, Nicholas Jacobucci, David Hawk, Ben Ritter, Matthew Berger, Aby Karottu, Tyler Heidtke, Craig Kaneshiro, Geogy Vennikandam, George Halkias 3rd: Coach Scott Ackman, Stephen Stone, Daniel Poloz, Damir Dulas, Michael Rose (captain), Sergey Gantman, Stanley Berezhanskiy Back: Bill Toliopoulos, Charlie Lambropoulos (captain), Sage Greising, Michael Verissmo, David Schmidt, Danny Solavastrue, Brandon Mita, Adil Kolovic

Photo: Ashlee Chittuln

It's a bird, it's a plane, no, it's Superwoman! Actually, it's Chloe Nelms ('03) practicing one of her tough dives. Nelms had a major impact on the team and placed 6th at the varsity conference meet.

"To be a good swimmer, you have to work hard, try the very best that you can, and be able to maintain a positive attitude."

-- Heather Benson ('04)



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Allison Putt ('02) gets a fresh breath of air as she stays in the race at the varsity conference meet. Putt ended up placing 8th in the 200 yard freestyle and 10th in the 500 yard freestyle.

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Freshmen- Front: Mariel Snyder, Molly Levine, Anneliese Opfer, Laura Dugan-Levinson. 2nd: Julie Fry, Khrista Harris, Elizabeth Messer, Margo Chervony, Virginia Palmer, Alexandra Benson, Christina Crowley. Back: Patty Toliopoulos, Coach Hope Kracht, Coach Aaron Melnick, Coach Dan Vander Jeudgt, Coach Louis Torres, Samantha Urbanowski

Photo: Root

"Whoever said swimming is a non-contact sport never met a lane line!"
-- Beeta Azarnoosh ('03)

Splish Splash

Most people don't realize that swimming isn't just a hard sport physically. It takes a lot of mental toughness as well. Since the girls' swimming and diving season is from the middle of August to the middle of November, the girls really have to enjoy what they are doing in order to last those three months. Some of them get tired of the same daily routine of 5:45 a.m. practices, then a whole day of school, and then another two hour practice in the afternoon. On the other hand, some swimmers don't mind having a three month season. "At first I didn't like the long season, but starting early gave me a chance to meet new friends and the season went by so fast towards the end," stated Khrista Harris ('05). The swim team uses the long season to their advantage, however, and the girls never waste a minute. You might find the team working out in the weight room, or doing some crunchers in the hallway if they aren't in the pool. Jasmine Nieves ('03) explained, "One of the main things it takes to be a good swimmer is lots of dedication." Dedication is one of the key factors and is a difficult commitment to keep, but the girls definitely show it during their season. Swimming is one of those sports where if you don't practice, you won't get any better. Coach Dan Vander Jeudgt said, "Practices can be very tiring for the girls, but they know in the back of their minds that all the hard work will pay off."

-- Marissa Spitz

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JV/Varsity- Front: Kari Chaiken, Margaret Wattenbarger, Teresa Lim, Jasmine Nieves. 2nd: Loreen Targos, Stephanie Sanders, Renee Krolczyk, Ashlee Christian, Ellen Berzack, Heather Benson. Back: Jessica Stoneberg, Coach Hope Kracht, Coach Aaron Melnick, Coach Dan Vander Jeudgt, Coach Louis Torres, Dan Rybalko, Michelle Roberts, Marilee Erickson, Debra Borkenhagen, Allison Putt (captain), Marissa Spitz (captain), Anna Chaiken

Photo: Beeta Azarnoosh

Pull! Kick! Squeeze! Go! As Kari Chaiken ('04) swims breaststroke, she consistently hears the yelling and cheering of her teammates. Support from other girls on the team motivates the swimmers to do the best that they can.

With victory in mind, Joyce Ko ('03) strives to return the ball to win her match. To prepare for the fall season, the girls take tennis lessons year 'round to improve their skills.

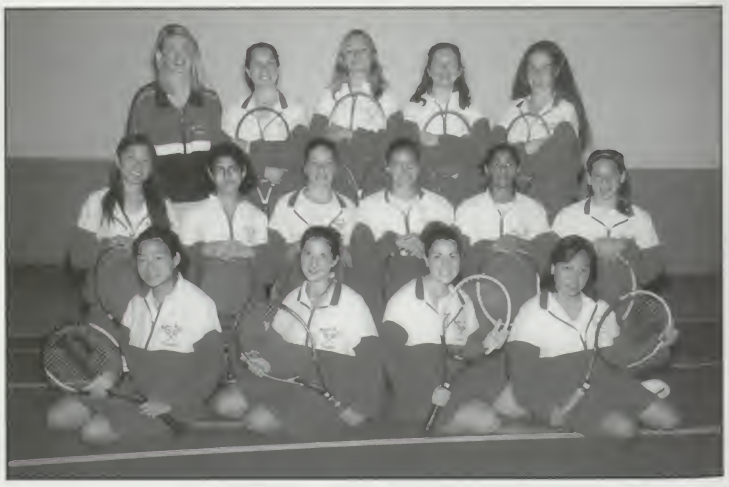
Photo: Root

"This season was very special because there were a number of girls who made it into state. It was also fun working with Coach Belleau because I learned something new every day. This was one of my most memorable seasons."

-- Helen Kang ('03)

Photo: Root

With all her strength, Elizabeth Brunner ('02) hits the ball to return the serve. Tennis players need powerful swings to get the ball across the net. Great form, Liz!



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JV- Front: Willa Chan, Chelsea Sher, Marissa Schiff, Jennifer Villanueva 2nd: Jennifer Lee, Syema Sheikh, Marija Puljic, Yvonne Palmer, Asima Ali, Sophia Harris Back: Coach Margaret Donnelly, Blaine Goldflies, Elena Boyarsky, Ingrid Kocjan, Gloria Puljic

Photo: Root

"Going to state was a really fun and challenging experience, and it was a great way to end a perfect and successful season."

-- Jean Mok ('03)

Serves UP

"What a serve! What a hit!" These were the most common comments from audiences during the girl's matches. With new coaches for both Varsity and JV, all the girls are in for a spectacular season. This year, Coach Michael Belleau coached Varsity and Coach Margaret Donnelly coached JV. According to some girls, the concepts of the work-out and training were not much different from last season, but this season was more fun with all the games and chats during practice. There's no doubt that these coaches did a great job!

There were a number of girls who went to state. Melissa Motel ('02), Elizabeth Brunner ('02), and Jean Mok ('03) were among the Varsity players who played in the state competitions. It was hard to get past regional competitions, therefore receiving the honor to participate in state was wonderful. Their hard work and long hours of training surely paid off.

With numerous hours of daily practice and competitions, the girls developed friendships and shared many common interests. According to the girls, they made new friends and made stronger friendships with their old friends. They said that being friends both in and out of the court was what made their team unique. Indeed, this group of girls was something special.

-- Blance Evangelista

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Jamie David, Joyce Ko, Jean Mok 2nd: Melissa Motel (captain), Arshia Ali, Kate Edelson Back: Coach Michael Belleau, Rita Koganzon, Elizabeth Brunner (captain), Helen Kang

Photo: Root

Varsity players Jamie David ('02) and Arshia Ali ('02) pair up for the doubles tournament. As Ali returns the serve, David waits anxiously just in case their opponents return the ball. This great duo is surely unstoppable.

Reaching for the stars? No, not these volleyball players; they're working together to defeat their opponents. Cooperation is the key to this succeeding team.

Photo: Root

"This season was fun but it's just too bad we didn't do so well"

--Laura Gross ('02)

Photo: Root

Freshman A- Front: Caroline Fernandez, Halley Granatelli 2nd: Ioanna Dimoulis, Kaltin Hartnett, Emilee Wolinetz, Georgia Tsiabas, Erica Cotton, Justine Barquez Back: Coach Amber Lange, Jacqueline Yang, Samantha Nelson, Lauren Wegner, Lindsey Vechione

Photo: Root

Freshman B- Front: Jessica Anderson, Priyanka Kalapurayil 2nd: Chloe Castro, Nancl Saraceno, Judy Ho, Maham Lodhi, Malori Peters, Karen Wolf Back: Coach Ray Carr, Christina Earle, Ashley Kennedy, Gillian Ouska, Amy Bartlett

Photo: Marissa Spitz

"My last year on the volleyball team was very memorable. The team got along really well and I will never forget these girls"
--JiHae Kim ('02)

Ace Point Match

Bump! Set ! Spike! These are the sounds you hear echoing throughout the bleachers when the girls' volleyball team gets the game into play. The team really showed their spirit at games. From the funny socks, to the spandex shorts, and even those cool headbands, the girls put all their effort into making this year a successful one.

This year, the team was a lot younger than previous years, and this made everyone work really hard together in order to reach their goals. This year's team consisted of only three seniors; in fact, three sophomores were placed on the varsity team to make up for the shortage of players. Despite--or maybe because of--the larger age span, the team was fortunate enough to learn from each other.

The practices became harder and were very structured to keep the girls on track. The games were intense, especially the last home game against Waukegan. "There were so many fans there that kept our spirits alive, we couldn't let them down," stated captain Sara Ryan('02). Even though the team did not do as well as they would have liked on the court, their friendships and teamwork made the 2001 season a very successful one.

-- Lena Rubins and
Kathy Crowley

Photo: Rock

JV- Front: Eunice An, Monkia Stankiewicz, Kiki Noonan 2nd: Lisa Yee, Ashley Ng, Nicolette Pajcla, Loanna Halkias, Joan Kim Back: Coach Stacey Albrecht, Aimee Toren, Vicki Jimenez, Carmen Mandov

Photo: Rock

Varsity- Front: Christine Carnate, Corinne O'Reilly, Devin Jaremus. 2nd: Jessica Patera, Heather Johnson, Julia Varsamis, Jennifer Fortman, Colleen Corrigan, Jihae Kim. Back: Coach Troy Bennett,Eileen Ouska, Laura Gross, Sara Ryan, Kimberly Edwardson.

Look at these pommers dance! Little does everyone know what is really going on inside these girls heads right now. They are counting from one to eight all the way until they are finished with the routine. This is so they can stay on the right beat.

"I met these girls as dancers, but will leave them as friends."

--Suzanne Ryan ('02)

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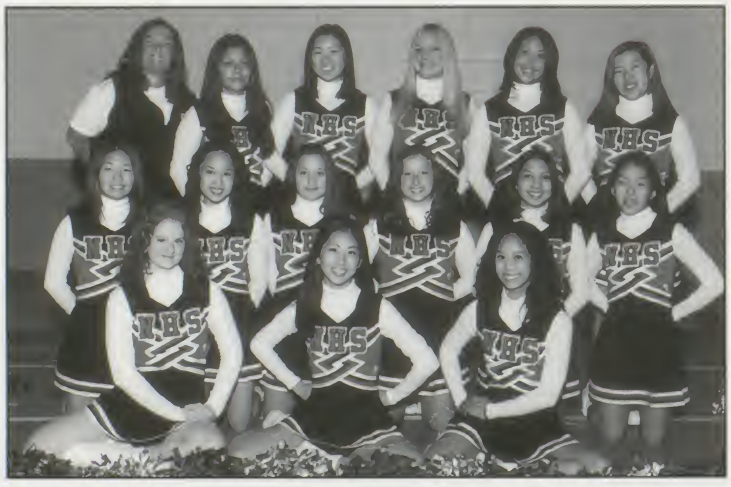

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JV- Front: Celeste del Mundo, Elena Dimoulis, Monica Castillo, Ajitha Kaimal Back: Sandra Goyal, Coach Lynne Rauser, Samantha Rosati

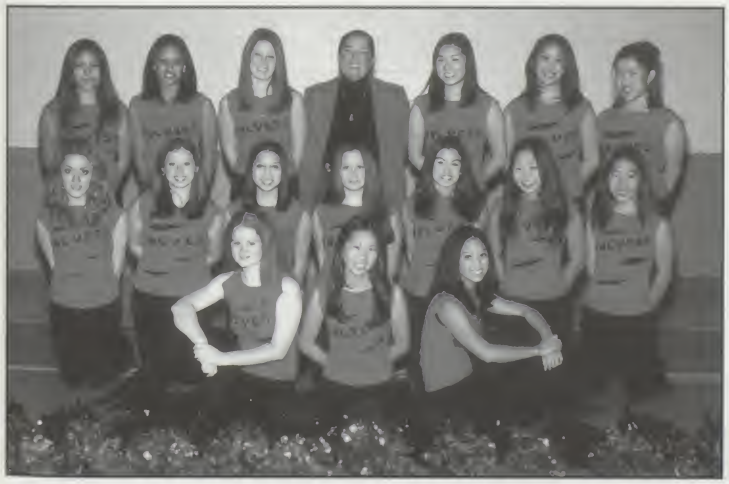
Photo: Root

"I am extremely proud and priveleged to be coaching such an intelligent, talented group of young ladies."
-- Sarrell Hesser

Dancing with Wolves

"Girls, get into two lines, and do ninety degree kicks until you have to stop," says Coach Sarell Hesser during Pom Pom practice. During the Billy Schnurr tournament, the pommers raised $400. Their hard work during practice definitely paid off. Not only did their skill make them money, it also helped when they went to Universal Dance Association camp this summer. The girls got two trophies and a spirit stick, which was a reward for all of their enthusiasm. Also, Suzanne Ryan ('01), Boyoung Kim ('01), Julia Pravnik ('01), and Monica Castillo ('04) made All Stars and were invited to go to Paris and dance in a parade. "I thought being on the JV squad last year was challenging, but it's nothing compared to Varsity. We have to learn many more dances in such limited time. It's hard work, but it all pays off in the end. We all have fun together and we are as close as sisters," comments Kathryn Barquez. ('01) A lot of people think that a large group of girls would probably find it difficult to get along. This year, the pommers are a very diverse group and it is amazing how everyone gets along so well. Having three captains was really a success this year. This close knit squad shared many unforgettable memories that will be cherished forever.

-- Jacqueline Collens



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Varsity- Front: Suzanne Ryan (captain), BoYoung Kim (captain), Tiffany Clarito (captain) 2nd: Julia Pravnik, Jacqueline Collens, Brenda Tereul, Brandy Clark, Kristina Govostis, Agnes Cha, Therese Kim Back: Leslie Osorio, Jill Vora, Melissa Caballero, Coach Sarell Hesser, Kim Ho, Kathryn Barquez, Christina Martinez

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JV- Front: Monica Castillo, Elena Dimoulis 2nd: Ajitha Kaimal, Jessica Pravnik, Sandra Goyal, Celeste del Mundo, Blair Rudd, Carli Liberti Back: Laura Phillips, Ariella Toren, Coach Rauser, Samantha Rosati, Laura Lee

Photo: Root

Hands in! Coach Meyer gives the boys a pep-talk before a big game. They have worked very had this year and it has paid off.

"I think that this year's basketball team is blessed with talent. Even though we go through rough times in practice and games, the great thing about this team is that we stick together. Trust me, we will turn this season around."

--Jimmy Thengil ('03)

Photo: Root

Freshman - Front: Raymond Mok, Justin Eusebio, Matthew Fritzshall, William Arnold, Stephen Weidner 2nd: Robert Metellus, Lance Newman, Jake Cusack, James Kane, Daniel Goldfein, Jackey Hunt, Derrick Orr, Jason Yamate 3rd: Coach George Bravos, Christopher McKinney, Alex Brown, Miles Kilgallon, Amit Kamdar, Dan Martinez, Coach Joe Meyer Back: Patrick Ryan, Brett Kopf, Nickolas Felsoci, David Choi, Camilo Cardenas, Rashard Mendenhall

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JV- Front: Brian Sumague, Peter Drebos, Mustafah Alam,Pratik Patel, Albert Tamondong 2nd: Erik Granlund, Alex Tejeda, Carlos Zarate, Vincent Franso, Eli Barba, Nabil Alam Back: Nathan Diaz, Christopher Lamarz, Coach Eric Lueder, Justin Plala, Michael Pantazis

Photo: Root

"It has been fun playing on Varsity as a freshman because I was able to meet new friends and got to experience new and fun things. The older guys have helped me on and off of the basketball court, giving me good advice."

--Sead Odzic ('05)

Me To We

"He shoots, he scores!" If you went to the Pontiac tournament, then this is what you would hear the announcers shouting when Niles West was on the court. In an intense game, Niles West beat Springfield by twenty-six points. West was the talk of the tournament. Staying in hotels and hanging out for a whole weekend together, the team's unity became as one. This year they have not only played as a team, but as a bunch of friends having a common interest. "This year was a lot of fun because of the different kinds of personalities that the players had. We were a very young team with amazing talent, including two sophomores and one freshman," says Alex Filin ('02).

--Samantha Rosati and
Jacqueline Collens

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Varsity- Front: Jarryd Loyd, Jimmy Thengil (Captain), Benjamin Krop, Walter Mendenhall, Kyle Heuer, George Halkias Back: Steve Mourtokokis, George Kontos, Alex Filin (Captain), Charles Williams, David Johanson, Sead Odzic, Jimmy Gikas

Photo: Root

Charles Williams ('02) concentrates on the basket as he shoots the ball. He has no problem getting in a shot as he is being six feet five inches.

"Let's get fired up...we are fired up...LET'S GO WOLVES!" After the Varsity line-up is read, the girls run and jump into a pile in the middle of the court and get pumped up for their game.

Photo: Root

"Being a senior and a captain, I had the most fun in my basketball career. Everyone contributed to make our team one to remeber!"

--Jennifer King ('02)

Photo: Root

Varsity forward, Colleen Corrigan, makes a quick dribble to the right to get past a defender from Niles North. The girls crushed North this year, and North is a ranked team.

Photo: Root

Freshman- Front: Lisa Khoshaba, Senada Lika, Brandy Harrison, Kara Perlen, Natalie Jacobucci Second Row: Ioanna Dimoulis, Colleen Keans, Gillian Ouska, Alicia Bartz, Patty Toliopoulos, Hailee Sullivan, Lois Kwon, Heather Garrity Third Row: Coach Stacey Albrecht, Jeraline Rosario, Abbigale Pazik, Christine Khoury (manager), Anna Dvorkin, Sayeeda Khan, Coach Gary Gustafson Back: Jessica Plaia, Maura Malartsik, Lily Stephans, Sarah Lamanna, Valerie Papillon, Dimitra Drosos

Photo: Root

"We had our ups and downs this season, but basketball is more that just winning and losing; it's about how hard we work and how much fun we get to have with a great group of girls." --Kristin Guiang

Swoosh

Nothing But Net

Despite the the tough competition in the Central Suburban League South, the Niles West Girls Basketball team excelled in many ways. Some of the powerhouses in the CSL South include New Trier, Evanston and Maine South. Even though they couldn't beat these teams, their sense of accomplishment still soared after every game; many personal and team goals were achieved. The two biggest wins were sweeping the Fenton-Elk Grove Thanksgiving Tournament and crushing cross-town rival Niles North, which is ranked in the top twenty in the Chicagoland area. Karen Hohs ('02) comments, "Beating Niles North made our whole team feel good; it was so great crushing them." They put all their heart, sweat and tears into working hard so they could beat Niles North. They also worked very hard to try to beat New Trier but only lost by a few points. The most important goal of the season was becoming closer as a team. The girls went on outings together and even went to a DePaul women's basketball game. "All the effort and teamwork that went into the season really paid off in the end. I've never become so close with such a great group of girls like I have this season," comments Caroline Topolinski.

-- Beeta Azarnoosh

Photo: Root

Sophomore- Front: Kiki Noonan, Renee Nowak, Tayyaba Ahmad, Kaitlynn Radtke, Eunice An, Second Row: Jessica Patera, Ashley Ng, Kimberly Edwardson, Mallinalli Castro, Ioanna Halkias, Lauren Perzov Back: Maegan Duffy, Barbara Williams, Coach Carter, Anne LaManna, Sarah Oline

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Ji Hae Kim (captain), Heather Hohs, Jodi Henriksen, Jennifer King (captain), Colleen Corrigan, Karen Hohs (captain), Corinne O'Reilly Back: Coach Lou Metallo, Julia Varsamis, Eileen Ouska, Kristin Guiang, Caroline Topolinski, Sara Ryan (captain), Jasna Vojcic, Jennifer Fortman, Coach Dave Genis

Photo: Loreen Targos

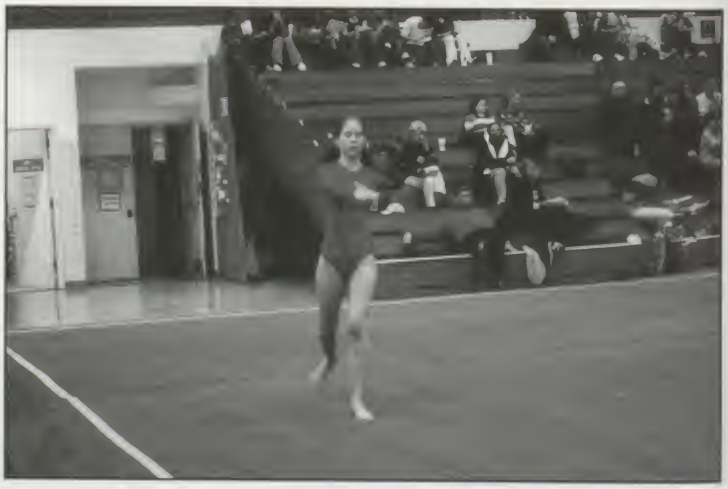
Flexibility and balance are important to performing on the balance beam. Virginia Palmer ('05) successfully completes her splits on the beam during practice.

"I really enjoyed being on the team this year because I met a lot of new people and learned more tricks. My most memorable moment was when I got the chance to go to JV Conference."

--Anneliese Opfer ('05)

Photo: Loreen Targos

With help from Coach Pam Foerch and Renee Krolczyk ('03), Chelsea Sher ('04) does a walk-over on the balance beam. Eyes must always be kept on the beam so the gymnast does not fall off.



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A little bit of dance is involved in the floor routine. Sarah Rodeghero ('04) prepares for her leap by gracefully using her arms for balance. Gymnastics is a sport that needs strength, agility, flexibility, as well as concentration.

Photo: Root

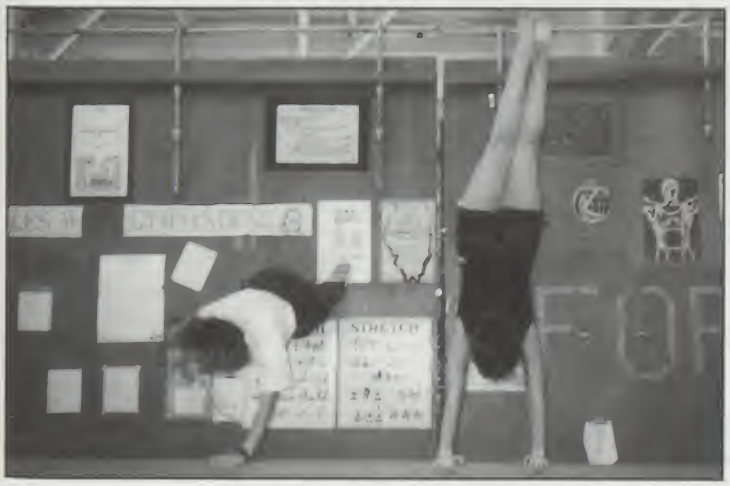
"Although it may not have shown through our record, the team really improved and worked hard. It was one of our greatest seasons!"
--Ashlee Christian ('03)

Flippin' Around

Backflips, flip-flops, handsprings, and many more...while these might sound like impossible acrobatic stunts, they are nothing but a simple routine to the Varsity Gymnastics team. Although the girls are familiar with their floor or beam routines, practice is still a major key. When stunts and flips are performed during meets and pep assemblies, the girls make them look like a piece of cake. Obviously, there's more to a routine than tumbling and jumping. Perfecting a routine takes a lot of time and hard work.

Practices are the most crucial times for the team. These are the times when the girls get their coaches' pointers and get help with their routines. This is also the time for improvements. Because flipping and tumbling need special skills, injuries are hard to avoid. During and after practices, some girls are often seen at the trainer's office with ice packs and bandages. Sore muscles, shin splints, hand rips, and bruised butts are the price that these girls pay in order to give an awesome performance during their meets and our school assemblies.

-- Blance Evangelista and
Loreen Targos



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Varsity coach Pam Foerch wants to improve her gymnastics skills by practicing with the girls. Coach Foerch does a handstand on the balance beam with Chelsea Sher ('04).

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Varsity- Front: Anna Kaplunov (Captain), Nicole Speropoulos (Captain), Joanna Park, Chelsea Sher, Valerie Krynski. 2nd: Ashlee Christian, Jessica Anderson, Anneliese Opfer, Laura Schoephoester, Sandy Machugin, Renee Krolczyk. 3rd: Yvonne Palmer (Manager), Mary Chernyak, Cheryl Kachka, Coach Laura Oroni, Loreen Targos, Sarah Rodeghero, Lidiya Azaryayeva (Manager). Back: Christina Puric, Christina Earle, Junelle Bennett, Virginia Palmer, Diane Teng, Diana Wong.

These boys are preparing to rule the water. Before every meet the entire swim team meets out on deck to yell cheers in order to get everyone pumped up!

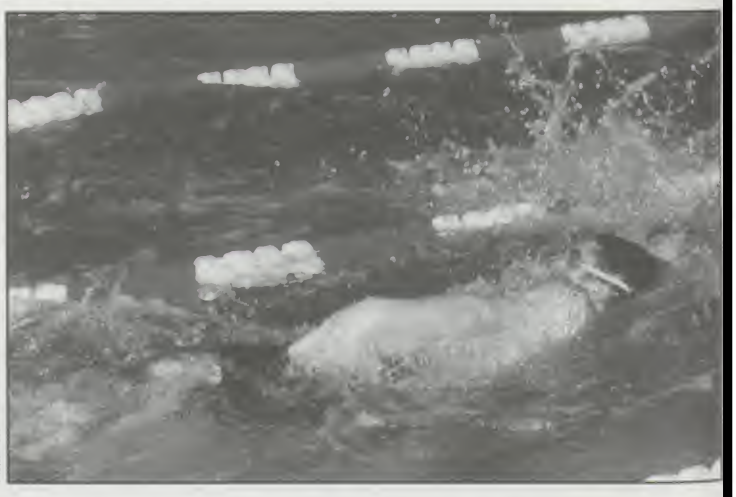
Photo: Root

"It would seem that it would be hard to match the success of last season, but this year has had many great accomplishments. Having lost most of our varsity swimmers to graduation, the underclassmen had to step up and they did. We had tremendous improvements and huge time drops throughout this year."

--Danil Rybalko ('02)

Photo: Anna Chalken

Varsity swimmer Robert Ruber owns this breast stroke event. Breaststroke is Ruber's favorite and he enjoys swimming every minute of that difficult stroke.



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With nobody in sight, Mike Grossman dominates in the water. Grossman is one of the top varsity sophomores on the team.

Photo: Marissa Saltz

"The team is very young and gained a lot of experience. They know that they are really training for next season as this one is a building year."

--Coach Dan Vander Jeudgt

Ooh Ah! Wolves on the Warpath

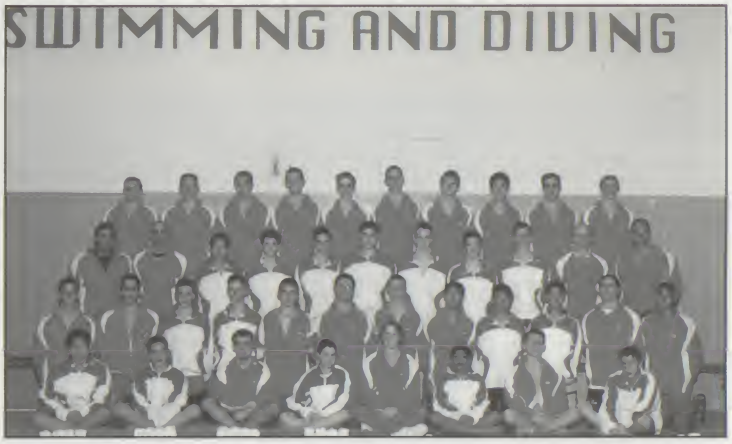
Swimmers, take your mark! Buzzzz! The crowd goes wild, cheering at the top of their lungs. The Niles West pool deck is a crazy place to be on Friday nights. "To see teammates run up and down the pool side cheering; that's what I call team spirit," says Matthew Torres ('04).

Even though the team is relatively young this year, it doesn't seem to bother any of the swimmers. The team will not be losing many seniors, so they will continue to do great next season, although the biggest loss the team will face is senior diver Danil Rybalko. Rybalko is the team's number one diver and is predicted to win state.

Swimming is an intense sport that requires determination, dedication, and discipline. Every morning while most students are sleeping, the boys swimming team begins practice at 5:30 a.m. These practices eventually pay off, as many of the swimmers were very successful this year.

-- Anna Chaiken

Jerry Galinsky takes a quick breath while swimming butterfly. Butterfly is one of the hardest strokes, and it takes a lot of endurance and strength.



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JV/Varsity- Front: Andrew Suh, Derek Korzun, Brian Melamed, Phillip Breckler, Allison Putt (Manager), Milan Ganger, Jerry Galinsky, Brad Cohn 2nd: Robert Krolczk, Matthew Torres, Patrick Hastings, Mllden Zivkovic, Sean Guardino,William Keyman,Robert Ruber, Bowen Chow, Adil Lakhani, Marco Medina, Danil Rybalko (captain), Adrian Lovera 3rd:Coarch Lou Torres, Coach Jason Macejak, Ron Trinh, Michael Ardashnikov, NathanYarrow, Kristopher Kislow, Serge Girels, Patrick Stilling, Nick Meccia, Coach Keith MacDonald, Coach Dan Vander Jeudgt Back Row: Jeff Balin, Paul Bialobrzewski, Christopher Gadja, Flavius Horopciuc, Alex Babin, William Chiang, Michael Grossman, Eric Shine

Photo: Root

On your marks, get set, go! The Nighthawks are ready to dominate the other team, as they always do. This picture was taken at a tournament where they ended up placing first.

Photo: Root

"This season was my best season in all four years because my 'specialest friend,' was there to see me at all my games."

--Sean Martin ('02)

Photo: Root

Varsity- Front: Josh Cooper, Rick Straka, Aki Othomo 2nd: Frank Nottoli, David Salmonson, Alexander Elman, Devin Olsen, Kevin Kruszynski, Coach George Caroll, Christopher Carpenter Back: Steven Levin, Sean Martin, Kevin Carrol, Raul Bravo, Jeff Greenwood, Bill Andrews, Jordan DeLaCruz

Photo: Sara Bostetter

Team Huddle! The Nighthawks work very efficiently during time outs. They work together to find the ultimate plan to win the game. Without their amazing teamwork, they would not be able to accomplish their goals.

Photo: Jeff Greenwood

"Performing at a consistantly higher level is the sign of a true Nighthawk."
--Jeff Greenwood ('05)

Ice, Ice Baby!

Lots of slap shots, and brawls galore; that is the Nighthawks for you. The Nighthawks are made up of Niles West and Niles North boys. These aren't just boys who enjoy the sport; these are boys who are willing to give up their Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights for practices or games. This year, they really succeeded and achieved many of their goals. The Nighthawks participated in the Blackhawk Cup tournament, as well as the Sheboygan tournament, and they did very well. In fact, this year, the players who made All Stars included Josh Cooper, Raul Bravo, and Timothy Edwardson. The Nighthawks are in the Metro Central League and this year, they placed first in their division. Also, they were placed at sixth in the state. The Nighthawks' hard work, tough practices, and teamwork has allowed them to go far.

-- Jacqueline Collens

Photo: Sara Bosetter

Sean Martin is one on one with the opponent from the other team. He has the puck and is about to shoot. The question is, will it go in? Of course!

Photo: Sara Bosetter

"Oh, no! I hope the ambulance doesn't have to come this time," the Nighthawks coach thinks to himself, as one of the Nighthawks fought until he made the goal. The Nighthawks fight until they get what is right!

Dino Kalabogias ('03) knows how important it is to keep his opponent down and off balance. With this position he will certainly be able to do his part in the varsity defeat of the Waukegan Bulldogs.

Photos: Root

"This year our Varsity Wrestling team works as one cohesive unit!"

-- Aaron Bendel ('03)

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Larry Masarsky ('02), Christopher Ravenna ('02), Aaron Bendel ('03), and Martin Gould ('05) hold up their proof of victory. These four varsity teammates just got off the mats after a very competitive meet which now officially placed them tied for first place in the Conference.

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Freshman- Front: Marc Klein, Zachary Zucherman, Jonathon Kollath, Jorge Lopez, Kevin Kambool 2nd: Matthew Schaab, Michael Croon, Marko Djordjevic, Vladimir Borun, Dimitri Dallas, Paul Bialkowski, Mike Kopera, Jordan Rothstein 3rd: Coach Bryan Wittersheim, Timothy Payne, Max Lee, Peter Stilling, Benjamin Fox, Dmitriy Pikovskiy, Coach Gimenez, Coach Joe Ravenna 4th: Alex Sacha, Bryan Gartner, Michael Chon, Elliott Sang, Timothy Gates, Timothy O'Reilly, Stephen Park Back: Max Estes, Chris Toy, Shehzad Lakhani, Thomas Maddex, Robert Pocztowski, Sandor Nagyivan

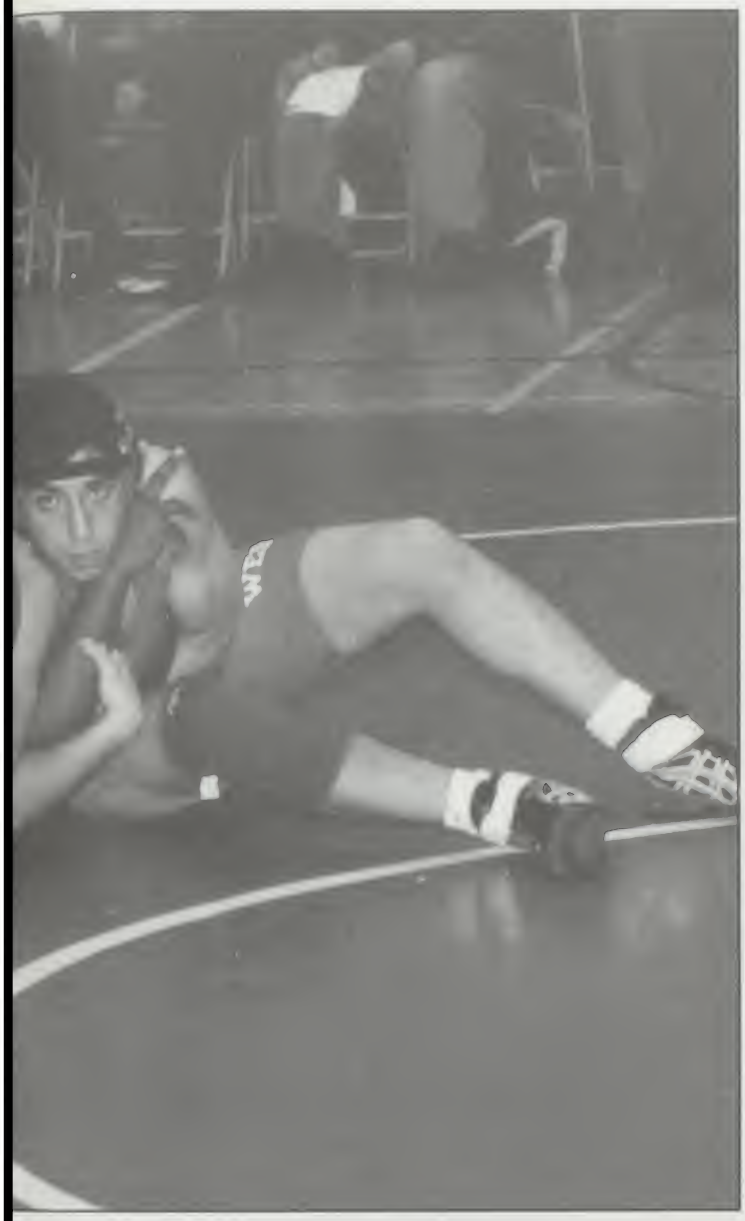


Photo: Heather Johnson

"We have grown as a team this year and have gotten a lot closer. This helps us because we feed off of each other."
--Matthew Uyeno ('02)

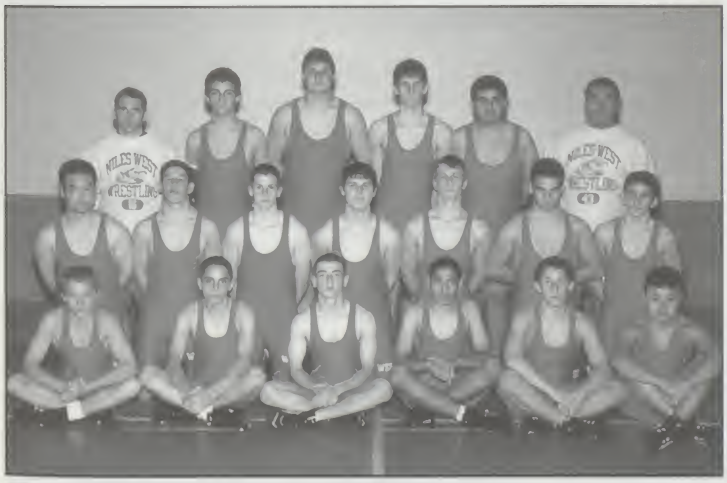
Of Fortune

Reversal

All the years of building have finally paid off for our varsity Wrestling team. This year and for the first time in 14 years, Niles West won the first place title in our CSL conference. This is a huge accomplishment; the team will go on to regionals, where their long hours of practice will prove them worthy. The wrestling season is longer than any other sport, giving them time to put in the extra time. This year, our varsity team has a strong group of seniors and juniors that have a good chance to qualify for state competitions. With a record of 17 wins and only 6 losses, the Niles West Varsity team feels prepared and ready for their up-coming events.

This year our varsity team has six outstanding All-Conference athletes including Larry Masarsky ('02), Christopher Ravenna ('02) along with Aaron Bendel ('03), Sean Finnerman ('03) Jack Gould ('04) and Martin Gould ('05). With the determination from the entire team there is no doubt that they will be sucessful in the qualifying meets to come. Along with the tremendous work ethic, sacrifices and motivation coming from the cheering benches, nothing seems to get in the way.

-- Heather Johnson



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Varsity- Front: E.J. Rouzin-Moy, Jack Gould, Christopher Kimura, Sean Finnerman, Martin Gould, Benjamin Shabad 2nd: Ryan Brkljacic, Daniel Poloz, Dino Kalabogias, Damien Kulikowski, Shabbaz Ahmed, Christopher Ravenna (captain) Back: Coach Sean Delahanty, Adil Kolovic, Jesis Colon, Coach Howard Fogel, Matthew Uyeno (captain), Larry Masarsky (captain) Not Pictured: Aaron Bendel (captain), Sergio Alzate, Michael Holmes, David Kramarz

Counter-clockwise from right: Plumes of smoke pour from the World Trade Center buildings in New York, Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Planes crashed into the upper floors of both towers minutes apart in a horrific scene of fires and explosions that left gaping holes in the 110-story buildings •Thick smoke billows from the sky from the area behind the Statue of Liberty where the WTC Towers once stood •Fire and smoke billow from the north tower of the WTC •An American Flag is placed in the rubble of the WTC •A candlelight vigil was held on the Promenade in the Brooklyn borough of New York September 13. People prayed and sang against a skyline which had been dominated by the WTC.

"This time of adversity offers a unique moment of opportunity-- a moment we must seize to change our culture."

--President George W. Bush

What's New in the World?

Far Left: Actor Daniel Radcliffe, the star of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," arrives at the Odeon Cinema in Leicester Square, London on November 4, 2001. Left: Former Beatle George Harrison died in a friend's home in Los Angeles after a long battle with cancer. Harrison's wife, Olivia, and son, Dhani, were with him.

Far Left: Washington Wizards Michael Jordan drives to the basket during an exhibition game versus the Detroit Pistons. Jordan, his first appearance in a Washington uniform, scored eight points in his 17 first half minutes as the Pistons beat the Wizards 95-85. Left: Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, flashes the victory sign after he wins the Tour de France race after the 20th and final stage between Corbeil Essones and the Champs Elysees Avenue in Paris, July 29, 2001. Above: Arizona Diamondbacks celebrate defeating the New York Yankees 3-2 in Game 7 of the World Series on November 4, 2001 at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix. (All photos and captions courtesy of AP.)

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Visualize Success

For a wolf to attack its prey, hunt down another member of the pack and lead the pack, motivation and visualization are required. Motivation drives many students, like the wolves, to participate in clubs because they have a specific interest. From the time they join to the time they leave high school, they become a voice in that activity, climbing their way to the top to finally tackle the position as President. It all comes from visualizing what kind of impact you want to make and being successful.

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Academic Bowl

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Front: Stephanie Sacha 2nd: Adam Bagnall, Rachel Parikh, Svilena Balabanova, Nik Emerson, Caroline Froning, Pat Dover, Howard Swider (sponsor) 3rd: Michael Lehrer, Becky Bloom, Seth Reagan, Tage Klint, Ben Grover, Solomon Cherian, Mahmudul Din, David Moreno, Martha Leitz (sponsor) Back: Rita Koganzon, Lizzy Brodsky, Rumana Parveen, Jorie Glassner, Brian Melamed, Rajan Shah, Alex Buc

African-American Club

Photo: Marissa Spitz

Front: Stacy Hubbarth, Monica Yancy, Emnet Gebrehiiwet, Stacy Moss 2nd: Lauren McLaughlin, Jackie Moss, Brandy Harrison, Vicky Jackson, Emmanuel Simon, Takeya Donald, Rachelle Lenesca Back: William Richardson, Rafael Lacki, Sherley Delma, Nicole Lamarr, Janet Larson, Barbara Williams, Valerie Papillon, Jenny Powell, Lonnie Williams, Teresa Hatch (sponsor)

Assyrian Club

Photo: Loreen Targos

Front: Vivian Khabeer, Mirian Pauls, Eddie Rayan, Emanuel Aessa Back: Esther Aessa, Jackie Ryan, Venessa Ryan, Vivian Ryan

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"What will you miss most about high school?"

"I am going to miss everyone near and dear to me. I made so many strong friendships in the past four years and I am going to miss every one of them."

-- Alison Putt ('02)

"What will you miss most about high school?"

"My friends and aquaintances have become my family and life-long companions. The friendly smiles and greetings in the hallways will be missed dearly."

-- Matt Olchawa ('02)

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Leave Your Mark

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Freshman Patty Toliopoulos ('05) wears the new Pack shirt while showing her support at the swim meet. Beeta Azarnoosh ('03), however, a junior who is still getting used to this year's mascot change, wears the Tribe!

After a long stay with these fascinating creatures, it is time to be on your way. The wind picks up and a surprise snowstorm is upon you. Your toes are frozen, and the snowfall is blowing onto your frostbitten face. Those delicate, white flakes cloud your vision. You decide to look back once more, just to see how far you have come since that early afternoon. But it is odd, for even though you cannot see two feet in front of you, your heavy footprints in the snow are clear as a bright summer's day. You finally make it out of the woods, and as you look behind you one last time, your clear steps make it evident that you have left your mark on this pack.

-- Alex Harris

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Far Left: This year, the construction has changed many of the ways our school functions. Both students and faculty have had to make quite a few adjustments throught the year. From altering the routes eveyone takes to classes to the vibrations from the drills outside, we have all been greatly affected. Middle: After the last class of the day, Nicole Kouzoukas ('03) packs up her books and gets ready to head out to the parking lot. This last routine gives students a sense of relief, yet anxiety, for they know that there are at least three more days left in the week to look forward to. Left: As 2:25 approaches, Lynne Rauser dismisses her last Alegbra class. With a close eye on the clock, these eager students are already packing up their belongings and making a mad dash for the door.

Colophon

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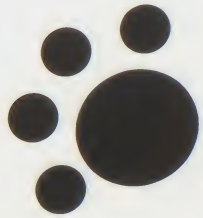
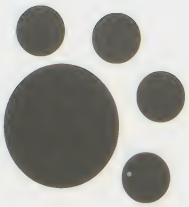
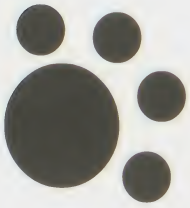
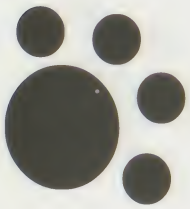
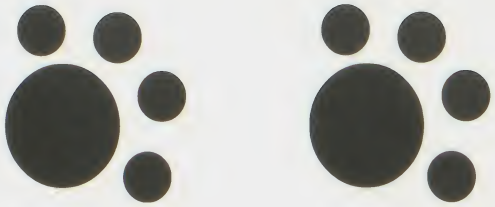


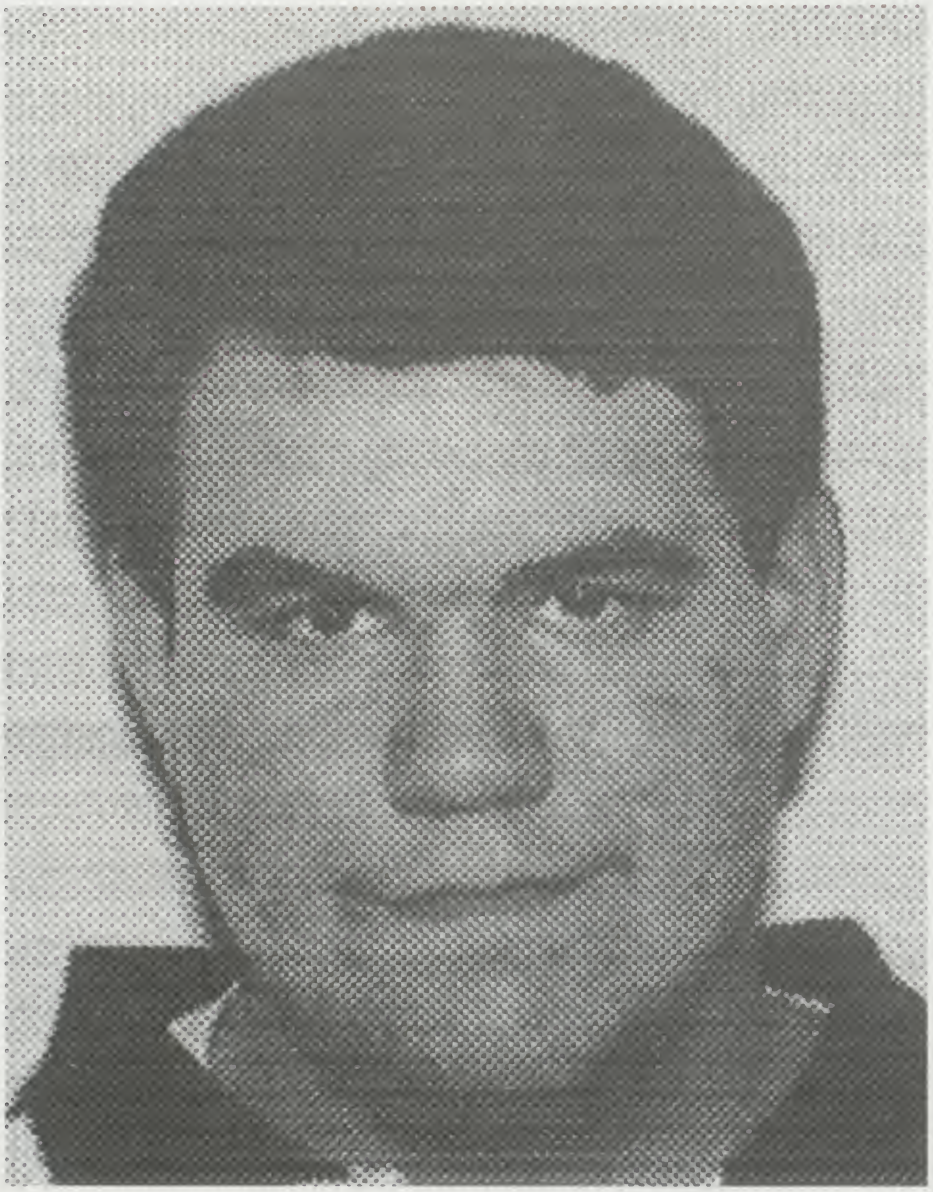







In Memoriam

Larry Anderson



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His name was Larry Anderson. To his friends, he was known as "Lead Foot Larry." Larry was described as having a positive attitude. He possessed all of the characteristics of a funny, smart kid with a great personality. "He was the type of kid to really put you in a good mood," commented Kyle O'Laughlin. "He was the jolly guy that all of us looked up to in our group of friends," said Craig Sadur. In Larry's spare time, he enjoyed playing video games and he was really into computers. Larry also was the Boys' Track team manager. Larry will be missed by family, friends, and teachers alike.